



Left, a truck owned by one of the West Bank settlers arrested in connection with the attempted sabotage of five Arab-owned buses is examined at the police headquarters in Jerusalem's Russian Compound. At right, the buses.

## 15 arrested in sabotage attempt on 5 Arab buses

By DAVID RICHARDSON  
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Jerusalem Post Reporters

The police and the security services are confident that the arrest of at least 15 persons during the weekend in connection with the attempted sabotage of five Arab-owned buses will lead to the solving of last July's terrorist attack on the Hebron Islamic University and the 1980 assassination attempt on three West Bank mayors.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg will brief the cabinet this morning on the case, in which at least one officer from the army, and one reserve officer are suspects.

Those arrested are leading activists in the settlement movements from the Golan Heights, and the West Bank settlements of Beit El, Kedumim, Hebron and Kiryat Arba, as well as several supporters from inside the Green Line.

The suspects were rounded up early Friday morning by the police after bombs were found in five buses of the Kalandiya-Atarot bus company, which were searched by bomb disposal experts.

The buses were parked outside their Arab drivers' houses in Jerusalem's Arab districts. The investigators believe that the terrorists had extensive, comprehensive and accurate intelligence about their prospective victims.

Police said that the arrests fol-

lowed two years of "intensive activity."

Initial indications are that some of those arrested were actually involved in planting the 5 time-bombs in the buses. "If those bombs had gone off they would have blown the buses right off the ground," a senior investigative source said last night.

The bombs, weighing about four kilos each, were planted under each bus. The explosives were timed to go off on Friday afternoon, presumably to coincide with people returning home from celebrating Isra wal Me'raj, the festival marking the ascent of Prophet Mohammed to heaven.

One bus was parked in Dahiat al-Barid, the postal workers' quarter near Kalandiya, one in A-Ram; one in Abu Tor; one in Azariya and one in Silwan. Other company buses were also checked, including one which had left early, carrying people from al-Makassed Hospital on a tour to Mt. Hermon. It was traced and searched later by police in Galilee, but no bomb was found.

Omar A-Shuweiki, a driver from Abu Tor, said: "I started the bus and hadn't moved more than 30 metres from home when suddenly a police car stopped me, and an officer and some people in plain clothes got out. They told me to switch off the engine and get out."

"I told the officer that I have nine children and that if I don't get to work on time I'd be fired. He said

that 'it will be a shame for your nine children to be orphaned.' He got in and switched off the engine."

"They took the bomb out. I then drove the bus to the Moskobiya (the Russian Compound)," said the driver.

The driver was to have taken 50 German tourists to Jericho Friday.

Those arrested include people associated with the settlement movement from its beginnings in Hebron and elsewhere. All are said to be army reservists, including officers.

The six arrested in the Golan Heights include members of Moshav Nov, Moshav Ramat Mashimim and Kibbutz Keshet. All are Orthodox settlements. Some of those arrested were leaders in the Stop the Withdrawal movement which tried to halt the evacuation of Sinai.

Police recovered arms held by the suspects in the various settlements and in nearby orchards they unearthed caches of mines from which the detonators had been removed.

Those arrested in the West Bank include members of the families of some Gush Emunim leaders and at least one person who holds a public office.

Police are expected to bring the suspects before a magistrate this morning for remand orders.

Security sources hope that the arrests will help crack the two still unsolved major cases of anti-Arab terror in the West Bank.

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## Hadashot' reported probe into death of terrorists

## Military censor shuts tabloid for four days

By HIRSH GOODMAN  
Post Defence Correspondent

The military censor has ordered the printing press of the new tabloid daily, *Hadashot*, closed for four days, effective last night.

The censor's decision, taken after consultation with Defence Minister Moshe Arens, came after the paper defied censorship and published that it had established a special internal commission of inquiry to look into the circumstances surrounding the death of four terrorists killed after they hijacked an Egged bus to the Gaza Strip on April 13.

*Hadashot* will, technically, be able to print at an alternate site. But in addition to the closure of its press, the censor has asked the police to open a formal investigation against the paper's editors — a move that could lead to charges against them. *Hadashot* is owned by the

publishers of *Ha'aretz*.

The decision to enforce the censorship law against *Hadashot* follows two weeks of debate between the censor and the Israeli and foreign press regarding the reporting of the circumstances surrounding the death of two of the four terrorists who hijacked the bus. Photographers on the scene at the time took pictures of at least one of the terrorists, subsequently identified as Majid Ahmed Abu Jama, 18, of Gaza, being led away from the bus by two plainclothes security men. *The New York Times*, relying on information passed on to it by several photographers and by *Hadashot* staffers, published a number of stories directly after the hijacking, claiming that at least one of the four terrorists was seen to have been uninjured.

Because *Hadashot* is independent of the editors' committee, it is not

bound by the voluntary agreement between the editors and the army governing censorship. The paper's actions, therefore, are subject instead to the Censorship Law — basically an Israeli adoption of the British emergency regulations that governed military censorship during the British Mandate. Though severe, and almost unprecedented in Israel, the closure of the paper's press and the decision to launch a police inquiry are relatively moderate steps under the law.

The Press Council will take no action in the case, its president Yehoshua Rotensreich, told Israel Radio last night. This, he said, is because *Hadashot* is not associated with the council and because the latter sees the case as involving a breach of the law and not the freedom of the press.

The two-member commission set

up by Arens to find out what happened after IDF troops stormed the bus will be headed by Aluf (res.) Meir Zorea, a former MK, director of the Israel Lands Administration and controller of the defence establishment. Though the committee has been given no time limit, it is expected to wind up its investigation as quickly as possible.

The defined task is to find out exactly how all four terrorists were killed. The committee will have power of subpoena, and because it is acting with the authority of both the defence minister and the prime minister, will have total freedom to probe. On the day after the bus was stormed, defence officials, who were questioned about the circumstances of the deaths of the four terrorists, said that two were killed on the spot, and the other two died en route to hospital.

## IDF pullout would endanger Christians, refugees: Kimche

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON. — The visiting director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, David Kimche, says Israel must remain in Southern Lebanon for the time being in order to prevent any additional massacres against the 50,000 to 70,000 Christians living there.

Kimche said the Palestinian refugees living around Sidon also would be endangered by any Israeli withdrawal not accompanied by coordinated security arrangements to protect them. The Palestinians, he said, are currently "secure and protected" because Israeli soldiers are in the Sidon area.

He made those comments following two days of talks with senior Reagan administration officials on a wide range of bilateral, regional and international issues.

"If we leave, I believe they will be in grave danger," Kimche said referring to the Christians and Palestinians currently living under Israeli control in South Lebanon. "There will be acts of murder and massacres on a very large scale."

In the past, Israeli officials have referred exclusively to the dangers which Israel itself would face from any premature withdrawal from Lebanon.

At a conference on Friday sponsored by the American Enterprise Institute, a private "think tank," Kimche presented what he said would be an "ideal solution" of the problem in Lebanon. He acknowledged that his proposals were a long way down the road, but he thought it worthwhile to discuss them.

He cited four steps to end the

conflict there:

1. The "neutralization" of Lebanon, guaranteed by the international community. He proposed that Lebanon obtain the status of a Switzerland or an Austria.

2. The removal of Lebanon from the Arab-Israeli conflict. Such a step, he said, would clearly promote tourism, trade and investment in Lebanon.

3. Some form of "cantonization" of Lebanon along religious and ethnic lines. He noted that there already was "de facto cantonization" in Christian and Druse areas. This should be expanded, he said.

4. A central Lebanese government which would represent all of the communities in the country.

Kimche expressed strong doubt that the Syrians will manage to achieve their objectives in Lebanon. He also did not believe a strong central government would emerge in Beirut.

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## Three IDF soldiers slightly hurt in Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Three Israeli soldiers were slightly wounded on Friday in Lebanon when a bomb exploded 13 kilometres southwest of Nabatiya alongside the road on which they were travelling. IDF forces combed the area.

Near the village of Bisariya, in the western sector of South Lebanon, there was a large disturbance yesterday when an IDF unit tried to arrest several residents. The soldiers had to fire into the air to extricate themselves. No one was wounded.

## Karameh determined to form national unity government

BEIRUT (AP). — With shellfire booming nearby, Lebanese Prime Minister-designate Rashid Karameh declared yesterday that he was "more determined" to form a national unity cabinet to steer Lebanon out of nine years of civil war.

"I am more determined to go ahead and succeed," the 62-year-old pro-Syrian Moslem politician

said at the end of two days of consultations with various parliament bloc leaders on a cabinet line-up.

Christian and Moslem militiamen traded sustained barrages of mortars and rocket-propelled grenades only hundreds of metres away as Karameh spoke to reporters at the Villa Mansour parliament headquarters in central Beirut's no man's land.

## Reagan remarks on Soviets again cut from Chinese TV

BADALING, China (AP). — U.S. President Ronald Reagan yesterday

walked atop China's Great Wall, one of the man-made wonders of the world, after meeting in Peking with Deng Xiaoping to air their differences over Taiwan.

Then Reagan, continuing to try to press his views on the Chinese people, experienced the frustration of having Chinese television officials omit his remarks about the Soviet Union for the second night in a row.

The government-operated television network eliminated from a Reagan interview with Chinese reporters remarks critical of the Soviet Union. They were the same remarks deleted by the government from an address Reagan made to a group of Chinese on Friday.

The parts of the interview with Chinese reporters that were eliminated from the nationwide broadcast later included Reagan's statement that Americans "posed no threat to China or any nation. We have no troops massed on your border," the latter a reference to Soviet divisions on China's northern border.

Reagan also told Chinese reporters in the interview that the U.S. won't "cast aside long-time old friends" on Taiwan to make new friends in China. Nothing referring to Taiwan was deleted.

The Chinese had reneged on earlier assurances that Reagan's speech would be televised "in full." Nevertheless, he said, the content of Chinese television "is an internal matter for the Chinese to decide and we understand that."

There was no immediate comment from Reagan on the censoring incident, which cast a partial shadow over his otherwise warm reception by China's Communist government since his arrival on Thursday.

Reagan's meeting with Deng marked the final business session of his five and one-half day visit.

"I've been looking forward to meeting your excellency for two years," the 79-year-old Deng told Reagan as they sat down for their meeting in the Great Hall of the People. "It's useful when we talk to each other face to face on certain matters."

## UK police start investigation as Libyan diplomats leave

LONDON (AP). — Police crawled around St. James's Square yesterday searching for clues to the identity of the gunman who killed a London policewoman and set off the 10-day siege of the Libyan Embassy.

With the British and Libyan diplomats back in their respective capitals, police launched a full-scale investigation into the shooting, even though they said they assumed the killer was among the expelled Libyan diplomats and probably would never be caught.

The police have said they will enter the embassy and search it for evidence as well as arms and explosives after midnight tonight, when Britain's breaking of relations with Libya takes effect.

The 30 staff members of the Libyan Embassy, expelled from Britain on Friday, came home waving their fists and chanting "Down with Britain" and "Down with Scotland Yard." (Photograph — page 4)

The British ambassador to Libya

flew to London Friday night with 11 other diplomats and their families, leaving behind two diplomats to secure the release of two Britons who have been in detention since the day of the shooting. The two have not been told what charges they face and have been prevented from seeing British diplomats.

The embassy shooting was the latest in a string of attacks on Libyan dissidents abroad that began in 1980 with 11 assassinations in Europe and the Middle East. Western governments blamed the attacks on Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi's "hit squads" operating from Libyan embassies.

The *Times* of London reported yesterday that Gaddafi had decided to abandon the campaign until the fury over the embassy shooting died down. It quoted an unidentified Libyan diplomat as saying instructions to halt attacks had been sent to all the country's embassies Thursday.

## 11 killed on roads last week

Eleven persons were killed and 70 badly injured in 62 serious road accidents last week. Eight of those killed were pedestrians, five of them minors, as were 42 of the badly injured, 19 of whom were minors.

Before dawn yesterday, a motor-

cyclist was killed and a passenger injured when their vehicle overturned on Jerusalem's Rehov Yirmiyahu. Police believe the victim was driving too fast. His name, and that of the injured woman, have not been released. (Item)

## Martyrs and Heroes Memorial Day marked

By GREER FAY CASHMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir last night told a packed crowd in the forecourt of Yad Vashem that the spirit of the six million Jews slaughtered in the Nazi Holocaust had guided Israel in all its wars and assured its victories. "The suffering of the People of Israel is also its strength," he said at the main ceremony marking the start of Martyrs and Heroes Memorial Day.

Shamir added that the heroes who led the revolts in the ghettos and the camps were the forerunners of the Israel Defence Forces and saved the pride of the Jewish People.

Yad Vashem chairman Gideon Hausner castigated a world which had remained silent while Jews were being annihilated and was again silent in the face of German-manufactured armaments being

directed against Israel by her enemies.

To the obvious discomfort of U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis, Hausner recalled America's closed door policy towards Jewish refugees from Hitler's Europe who might otherwise have been saved.

Shamir and Yad Vashem director Yitzhak Arad pointedly cited the common fate of North African Jews with that of their European brethren. The memorial flame honouring the memories of the six million martyrs was kindled by President Chaim Herzog.

Six individual flames were kindled, one each by David Gavish in memory of the partisans; concentration camp survivor Gavriel Engel on behalf of the martyrs who perished; Leah First to mark the 40th anniversary of the destruction of Hungarian Jewry; ex-Palmahnik

Yona Rosen on behalf of paratroopers of the Yishuv who fell in the line of duty while trying to rescue Jews from Europe; Avraham Herzl Geriano, formerly of Tripoli and a survivor of Bergen Belsen; and Ya'acov Kaplan (soldier in the Red Army, the Polish Army and the IDF), together with Gadna member Arik Davidov, for Jewish military heroism. (Photo, page 2)

There will be a memorial service this evening at Kibbutz Lohamei Hageta'ot to mark the 41st anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. It is reported that some 20,000 people are expected to attend.

The kibbutz museum will remain open today to enable more people to view new exhibitions of letters and diaries of survivors.

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GENEVA	8	18	46	64
HONG KONG	20	28	68	82
JERUSALEM	7	18	46	64
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LONDON	9	17	48	63
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Safed	52	16-20	20
Haifa Port	52	16-20	20
Tiberias	51	11-19	19
Nazareth	51	11-19	19
Afula	54	12-21	21
Shomron	51	12-18	18
Tel Aviv	47	17-21	21
B-G Airport	40	13-22	22
Jericho	36	17-28	27
Gaza	60	16-21	20
BeerSheva	37	13-24	24
Eilat	10	17-34	31

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

A delegation of Dutch parliamentarians, headed by Joop den Uyl, leader of the Dutch Labour Party and a former prime minister, called on Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel in Tel Aviv on Friday.

French Ambassador Jacques-Pierre Dupont is to open a four-day international symposium on "Ideology and Propaganda in France" at Haifa University tomorrow.

## Interior Ministry workers vote to end sanctions

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Work will return to normal this morning at Interior Ministry offices, throughout the country. At a meeting on Friday, the national staff committee voted not to resume the sanctions which paralyzed the offices last Thursday.

The sanctions were called to protest against what the workers say is "foot dragging" by the Civil Service Commission on a promise it made last December to upgrade ministry workers on the government services' Uniform Pay Scale, and grant employees certain wage bonuses given to staff personnel of other ministries.

## Haifa firemen agree to suspend sanctions

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
HAIFA. — The city's 90 firemen have suspended their week-old sanctions pending talks with management over their demand for equal pay with their Tel Aviv and Jerusalem colleagues.

A union spokesman told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that they have agreed to suspend sanctions until May 14. If their demands are not met by then, they will call a general strike.

The spokesman said the brigade is under strength and more firemen should be recruited to bring the number of personnel up to 111.

## Australian leader dies

Australian Jewish communal leader, Ben Zion Patkin, died last week in Melbourne after a long battle with cancer. The funeral will be held in Ness Ziona on Tuesday, May 1.

# HOME AND WORLD NEWS

## U.S. and Israel closer on Third World projects

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. — The U.S. and Israel have moved closer in planning joint economic aid projects throughout the Third World, the director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry David Kimche said on Friday.

But he repeatedly denied reports that Israel was covertly involved in any military assistance schemes in Central America.

"We have not, we are not, and, I presume, we will not be supplying arms or military equipment to the Contras," Kimche said, referring to the U.S.-backed Nicaraguan rebels fighting the Sandinista regime.

State Department officials agreed that Israel had not been asked by the administration to get militarily involved in the fighting in Central America. They insisted that the Kimche talks focussed strictly on various economic assistance programmes, including projects in health, agriculture and science — areas where Israel has some expertise.

Kimche sought direct U.S. funding of such Israeli foreign aid projects. But the U.S. government's Agency for International Development (AID), headed by Peter McPherson, is strongly opposing any direct cash transfers to Israel or the establishment of a specific fund for these projects.

The Americans fear that any such money authorized by Congress

might come at the expense of existing aid budget requests. Democratic Congressman Howard Berman of California, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, has introduced legislation authorizing an initial \$20 million for the American funding of Israeli foreign aid projects. But the administration informed Kimche that it will oppose the Berman initiative.

Instead, McPherson and others have agreed that Israeli companies and experts can participate in bids for aid projects in Africa, Latin America and Asia. There was extensive discussion on specific projects during the Kimche visit, but he and other Israeli and U.S. officials cited the political "sensitivity" of the matter in refusing to provide examples and further details of what they had in mind.

Some of the targeted countries, especially in Africa, do not even maintain formal diplomatic ties with Israel.

Kimche told reporters at the Israeli Embassy Friday that he was pleased by the overall talks he held in Washington Thursday and Friday.

Kimche was due to spend today in Chicago meeting with Donald Rumsfeld, the U.S. special Middle East envoy, before returning to Washington tomorrow for more talks at the State Department and separate briefings for members of Congress.

He is to fly to London later in the week for talks there.

## Egypt, West Germany to strengthen ties

CAIRO (AP). — Juergen Moellmann, state secretary in the West German Foreign Ministry, said yesterday that Egypt and West Germany plan to "intensify" cooperation in the fields of economic and foreign policy.

Speaking to a press conference at the end of his nine-day visit, Moellmann also said Egypt had made specific requests for military aid.

West Germany is one of Egypt's largest aid donors. Between 1972 and 1983, economic and technical aid to Egypt totalled about 3.5 billion marks (nearly \$1.3 billion). Last month, the two countries signed agreements providing for a total of 668 million marks (\$257m.) in loans and grants to Egypt in 1984.

There is very little military cooperation between the two countries.

## Ali: Embassy move would endanger U.S. relations

CAIRO (AP). — Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali hinted in an interview published yesterday that Egypt would sever diplomatic relations with the U.S. or any other country that moves its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem.

But Ali told the weekly newspaper *Akhbar el-Yom* that the administration of President Ronald Reagan has taken the "commendable" step of opposing an embassy move in letters to Congress where such a proposal is under discussion.

Ali also said conditions are not

right for any Arab-Israeli peace moves this year because of disarray within the Arab world, next November's U.S. presidential election and Israeli actions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Egypt broke off relations with El Salvador and Costa Rica after they moved their Israel embassies to Jerusalem.

"The severance of Egypt's diplomatic ties with El Salvador and Costa Rica represents a position of principle which Egypt will adopt toward any country," Ali said.

## Moroccan minister to open Jewish meet

RABAT (AP). — Morocco's interior minister, Driss Basri, will deliver a formal opening speech to the biannual congress of Morocco's 20,000-member Jewish community opening May 13, the government announced.

Jewish sources said some 400 delegates of Moroccan Jews in other countries — including some from the 500,000 Moroccan-born citizens of Israel — were expected at the congress, an unusually festive event intended to mark the 850th anniversary of the birth of Maimonides.

Morocco is a member of the Arab League, and Israeli citizens are not allowed to enter the country on their normal passports. Special arrangements are being made to admit the

Israeli delegates, Moroccan officials said.

The officials stressed that Basri's planned appearance at the congress reflected King Hassan II's longstanding desire to maintain the goodwill of Morocco's Jewish community.

Hassan has for years maintained secret contacts with selected Israelis of Moroccan origin. The Paris weekly *VSD* reported Friday that Hassan sent a message through a Moroccan-born Israeli physician to Labour party leader Shimon Peres, urging him to adopt a "policy of conciliation" toward moderate Arab nations in case of a Labour victory in the elections in July.

## Leaders urge 'jihad' on Moslem holiday

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP). — The Islamic world yesterday celebrated the anniversary of Mohammed's "miraculous ascension" to heaven via Jerusalem, with preachers and editorialists urging a holy war to regain the holy city from Israeli occupation.

In Cairo, the Grand Sheikh of Al-Azhar mosque issued a call to Moslems for *jihad*, or holy war, to regain Jerusalem. But the once-influential mosque-university combination has long been deprived of its political muscle, with governments restricting it to theoretical studies.

In Kuwait, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat complained about what he described as the "Judaization" (by Israel) of Islamic sanctities in Jerusalem.

In the United Arab Emirates, the radical newspaper *al-Khalef* exhorted Moslems to "struggle rather than merely talk" to regain the holy city.

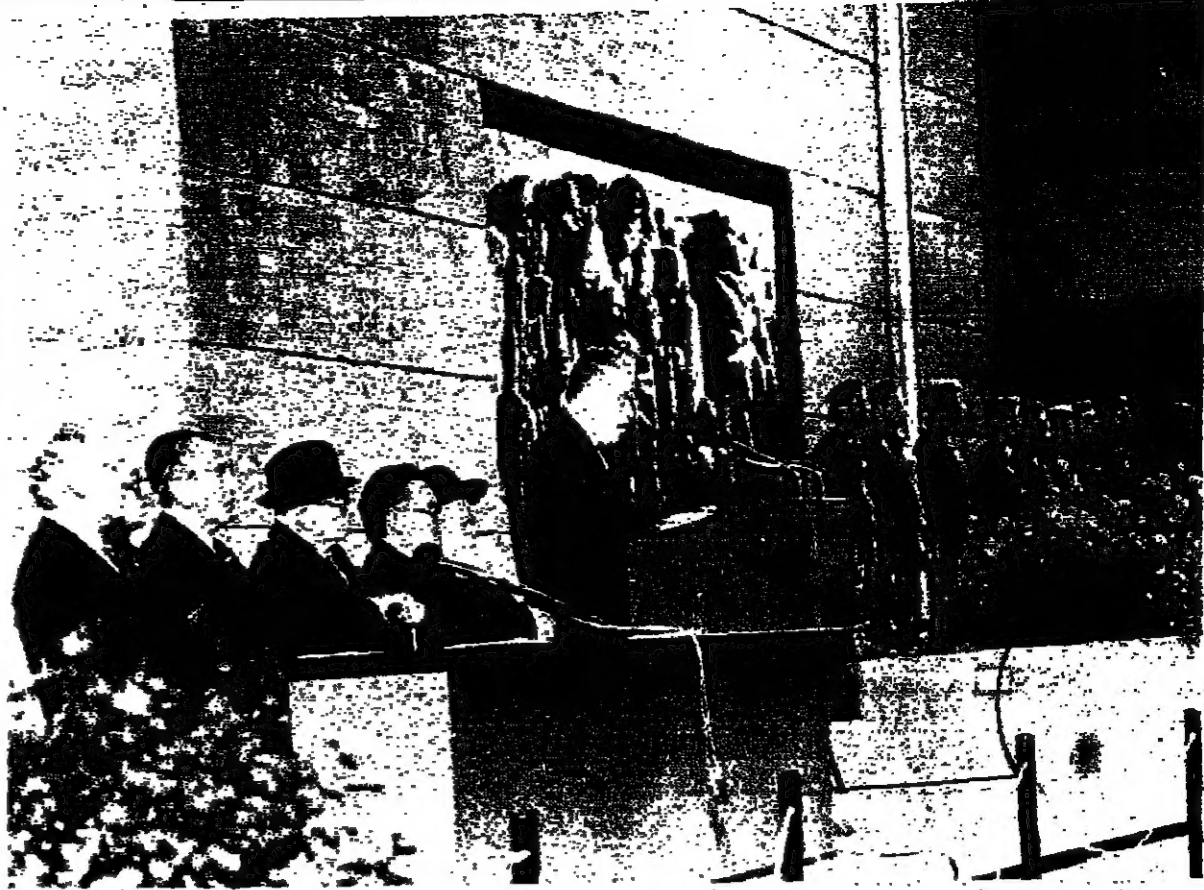
## Israel rejects invitation to Palestine conference

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Israel has turned down an invitation from UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to participate in a Conference on Palestine as mandated by the 28th General Assembly.

In a letter to Perez de Cuellar, Israeli UN Ambassador Yehuda Blum wrote that the conference, originally proposed by the Conference on Palestine held late last summer in Geneva and adopted by the General Assembly, would "violate, disrupt and empty of content," UN resolution 242.

## CORRECTION

Uri Faraj, the soldier whose death was reported on Friday, was wounded last year by a LAW missile during training in the Jordan Rift, and not in Lebanon as published.



Prime Minister Shamir speaks at Yad Vashem during last night's ceremonies marking the beginning of Martyrs and Heroes Memorial Day. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

## Two Moslems arrested for Gaza tomb attack

GAZA (Itim). — Two 17-year-old Moslem youths have been arrested in connection with last week's desecration of the Tomb of Hashem, by tradition the burial place of the prophet Mohammed's great grandfather.

The two, who said they acted along with two others, claimed they vandalized the tomb because it has been used for prayers and by people seeking miracle cures, which is against Islamic law. Authorities say they will soon arrest the other suspects.

The Moslem world, particularly Jordan, has accused Israel of desecrating the site.

## 14-year-old Kiryat Ata boy held for postal robbery

HAIFA (Itim). — A judge has ordered a 14-year-old Kiryat Ata youth held an additional eight days in connection with an armed robbery at a local post office two weeks ago.

The boy allegedly made off with IS29,000 after threatening the clerk with a knife.

When he was brought in for arraignment on Friday, the youth denied having any connection with the crime, saying he was nowhere near the post office at the time.

He asked the court: "Could a boy of my age commit a robbery?"

## 10 Israelis to tour U.S. Jewish communities

Jerusalem Post Staff  
Ten young persons are to leave this week for the U.S. for a three-week tour of American Jewish communities. The purpose of the programme is to increase Israeli understanding of American Jewish life and to further cooperation between Israelis and American Jews.

The programme is sponsored and funded by the Institute on American Jewish-Israeli Relations of the American Jewish Committee. This is the second group of Israelis participating in such a programme. The first group visited the U.S. in November, 1983.

The group consists of six journalists and four from other professions. The tour will include visits to New York, Chicago, Boston, Washington, D.C. and Miami. The group is to attend the annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee, which will convene in New York from May 3 to 6.

## Swedish firm fined for radar system sale to Soviets

WASHINGTON (AP). — A Swedish firm was fined \$3,120,000 on Friday for secretly selling to the Soviet Union a sophisticated radar system with important military uses in the late 1970s.

Judge Gerhard Gesell termed "treacherous" the conduct of Datasab Contracting A.B. and rejected a recommendation from the Justice Department that he fix the fine at only \$1m.

Gesell agreed to accept a plea of no contest from Datasab after noting that the firm had been taken over by another Swedish company, L.M. Ericsson, which discovered the violation of U.S. Export Control Law and called it to the attention of the U.S. government.

Under the law, the judge could have imposed a fine of five times the size of the sale, or more than \$15m. The government charged that Datasab knowingly violated its export licence by ignoring the restrictions and selling the Soviets an air traffic control system that gave them technology directly applicable to military research.

## Levy, Moda'i to meet today over disputed Gahal pact

By SARAH HONIG  
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Herut today will demand an early amendment of the Gahal agreement and a considerable reduction of the Liberal representation on the Likud's Knesset list. The demand will be made at a meeting between Deputy Prime Minister David Levy, representing Herut, and Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i for the Liberals.

Two factors will complicate the negotiations and possibly strengthen the Liberal bargaining position: Moda'i, elected as his party's No. 1 man, is far less amenable to compromise than would have been his chief competitor for the leadership, Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, and the Liberals have weeded out of their list the chief trouble-makers who provoked most of Herut's resentment.

Nevertheless, Herut does not intend to let up on its demands that the ratio of Herut to Liberal candidates on the list, as set forth in the Gahal agreement, be altered. This became evident Friday when all Herut ministers gathered in Metzuad Ze'ev for a party political consultation headed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

They were joined by party secretary chairman Yoram Aridor, his deputy Eitan Livni and MK Ronnie Milo. All Herut ministers attended, including Ariel Sharon.

The "Jerusalem Post" had "leaked" that it was an unofficial decision of the forum to cut the number of Liberal candidates on the list by at

least one-third, and possibly as much as 40 per cent. Formally, the ministers met in closed session only to discuss elections strategy against the Alignment and the formation of the Likud campaign headquarters.

The Gahal agreement was drafted in 1965 and stipulates that the first 22 slots in the Likud slate of candidates are distributed equally between the two parties. Of the next 18 slots, seven go to the Liberals and 11 to Herut. From that point, the arrangement again reverts to one each.

Herut charges today that the Liberals are grossly over-represented, and do not deserve the 18 MK contingent in the House, with which they emerged from the 1981 elections. Even if their representation is pared down to 12, it would be excessive, it is argued.

The Liberals are expected to stiffly oppose Herut's demands. Sources close to Moda'i deny he will be renegotiating the agreement, as the Liberals have vowed not to do. The sources say Moda'i will simply say "no" to Herut.

Levy, however, has expressed confidence that the agreement will soon be amended and that the Likud will not be disbanded.

The internal Herut elections did not come up at the Herut meeting Friday. These elections will be held in two stages. On May 3 the 4,000 central committee members will choose by secret ballot the first 35 Herut candidates. On May 9, in a series of five more secret ballots, the 35 will be ranked on the list.

## Air fare price war narrowly averted

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Post Aviation Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Trans America and Capitol, which will start flying here in June have stopped short of starting an all-out price war.

Trans America, which had promised tickets \$100 cheaper than its competitors, will sell round-trip tickets to New York for \$599 for its June 21 inaugural flight only. The price will then go up to \$699.

Capitol, which will start service on June 19, also announced a \$699 fare for round-trip tickets.

A spokesman for Maof, which represents Trans America in Israel, said the airline had reduced its prices after other lines had matched its first announcement of low rates. The company will now have to decide whether it wants to reduce rates once again, he said.

The rates El Al, TWA and Tower Air have quoted are, nevertheless, higher. The price of El Al tickets will rise in mid-June from \$699 to \$849, while those of TWA and of Tower Air will rise from \$699 to \$799.

## Arkia to honour 'disputed' air tickets

TEL AVIV. — The Civil Aviation Administration on Friday instructed Arkia to honour all its tickets — including those sold through the Concorde 3.5 travel agency — despite a dispute over their validity. Arkia said last night it would honour those tickets.

The administration's order was issued after Arkia published advertisements on Friday announcing it would not honour Concorde's ticket vouchers. The matter will be discussed this morning at meetings between Arkia, Concorde and the administration.

## Country's leading exporters to be recognized

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Israeli business world's coveted Outstanding Exporter prize will be awarded to 11 companies tomorrow at Beit Hanassi in Jerusalem. The ceremony will mark the opening of Export Week 1984.

This year, for the first time, the Outstanding Exporter and the lesser Approved Exporter titles will go not only to manufacturers and export marketing firms but also to Israeli firms who sell computer software abroad.

To earn the "outstanding" title, a manufacturer must have exported at least \$1.5m. worth of goods (or services) during 1983.

A survey commissioned by Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Pat indicated that exports of \$3 billion last year — 60 per cent of Israel's total industrial exports in 1983 — were racked up by 85 companies out of the 3,000 firms that sell abroad.

## KIMCHE

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His remarks included a lengthy justification of Israel's Operation Peace for Galilee. He repeatedly insisted that Israel had been left with no choice but to embark on the destruction of the PLO infrastructure in Lebanon. "I think there was every reason for the intervention," he said. "We could not have done otherwise."

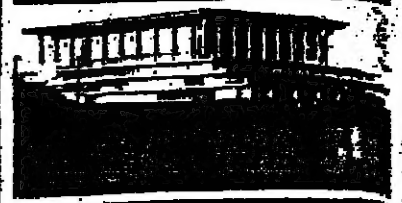
He also insisted that Israel had actually achieved its main objective in Lebanon — namely, securing the Northern Galilee.

Kimche revealed details of his last conversation with the late Lebanese president-elect, Bashir Gemayel, the leader of the Phalange, just days before his assassination. "Give me nine months to a year as president and there will be a full peace treaty between Lebanon and Israel," he quoted Bashir as having said.

Kimche also said former defence minister Ariel Sharon had gone to Beirut in January 1982 — six months before the Israeli invasion — to fully coordinate Israeli plans with Bashir.

According to Kimche, Sharon informed Bashir that Israel would shortly be left with no choice but to move against the PLO, given the massive PLO arms buildup.

In the process, Sharon predicted to Bashir, the PLO would be dealt a "crushing blow." This, in turn, would represent "an historic opportunity" for the Christians to take the lead in achieving an "independent Lebanon." Kimche said Sharon had encouraged Bashir to "exploit this event."



## Porush warns of split in Aguda

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
Post Knesset Reporter

There is a likelihood that Aguda Yisrael will split and field two separate Knesset lists, following last Thursday's meeting of the Council of Sages.

MK Menachem Porush told The Jerusalem Post on Friday that the council rejected a resolution calling for rotation of Aguda's veteran MKs. He said that Aguda's central committee would choose the party's candidates, as has always been the case, and that in the central committee he and MK Shlomo Lorincz had a majority. Lorincz is now in Switzerland.

According to a communique issued by council secretary Rabbi Haim Shalom Porush, the council decided that no Aguda MK — "past, present, or future" — who has served two terms in the Knesset shall be a candidate for re-election.

Lorincz has served in nine Knessets and Menachem Porush in seven. Menachem Porush told The Post that the communique does not give a true picture of what took place at Thursday's meeting.

Menachem Porush's version — which was confirmed to The Post by an independent knowledgeable source — is as follows:

The council chairman, the Rebbe of Gur, proposed the rotation idea, and the debate that followed was one of the stormiest in the council's history.

Of the 11 members present, five supported the rotation plan, four opposed it, and two said they would support rotation only if it were applied to all Aguda MKs.

The four opponents of rotation represent the Lithuanian yeshivot, and their mentor is Rabbi Eliezer Shach, who has been boycotting the council's meetings.

A majority in the council supported a postponement of the decision but the Rebbe of Gur ignored this and dictated the communique. The communique also says that the council decided that no one who controls an institution that benefits from public support shall serve as an Aguda MK.

This would affect not only Lorincz and Porush (apart from the "rotation decision"), but also MK Shimon Hahnet.

But The Post has learned that while the Rebbe of Gur advocated such a rule in his opening speech, there was no discussion of it during the debate, let alone a decision.

## MK Biton says he'll sue Weizman party for libel

Black Panther Charlie Biton yesterday vowed to file a libel suit against the Yahad leadership and party spokesman Zvi Rimmon for alleged lies and insults.

Rimmon has accused Biton of lying by saying that Ezer Weizman asked the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality MK to join Yahad. Biton claims to have "hundreds" of witnesses to the invitation.

The MK also says that in Rimmon's statement about him, Biton was called "gonorrheic" and "a leper."

## Two parties chase Savidor

Two (unnamed) parties are court-ing Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor after his defeat in the Liberal Party internal elections. "I am tired and disappointed, so I want to wait a few days until I can consider the offers with a clear head," Savidor said during an interview broadcast on Israel Television and Army Radio Friday evening.

He said he is finished with the Liberal Party in its current form after his colleagues there "sentenced" him Thursday evening. "I don't hold a grudge against them, but I am bitterly disappointed," he said.

"One of the criticisms against me was that I should have obeyed instructions from the party in doing a job at the Knesset. I thought that by doing that job fairly and in accordance with all the rules I was serving my party's interests as well. It's job bad there weren't even a few dozen members of the party central committee who put the liberal ideology of real democracy into practice," he said.

Dignitaries seek safe seats  
At least 100 Arab and Druse dignitaries are trying to gain safe spots on the Knesset lists of the various parties. Half of the candidates are seeking places on the Alignment Knesset list.

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## Workers won't wait until after elections' Kessar demands new C-o-L pact now

By ROY ISACOWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Histadrut secretary-general-designate Yisrael Kessar said last night that the labour federation has no intention of waiting until after the Knesset election for a new cost-of-living increment agreement.

Kessar said that the Histadrut is now negotiating three separate sets of agreements: a C-o-L increment agreement and wage pacts for the private and public sectors. The organization, he said, is aiming to secure all the agreements before the elections.

He stressed that the existing C-o-L agreement expired last month, and that workers will not wait until August for a new agreement.

Kessar said that he sees no contradiction between the stated intention of negotiators representing private employers to reach a speedy agreement, and a statement by Manufacturers' Association president Eli Hurwitz on Friday that it would be inadvisable to reach a "package deal" concerning wages, prices and cost-of-living until after the elections.

At the moment, the Histadrut is concentrating on the cost-of-living agreement and not on a package deal, Kessar said.

Speaking on Friday to the Engineers Club in Tel Aviv, Hurwitz expressed hope that after the election, a strong government will be able to cut the necessary \$1-1.5 million to state spending.

Last Thursday, the Histadrut and the Treasury began negotiations towards a new two-year wage agreement for public sector employees. It was decided that each side would form several work teams to negotiate the various matters in contention. The teams are expected to begin their work by the end of this week.

The positions set out by the two sides showed basic differences, but also several points of agreement. Both Kessar and Treasury Director-General Emanuel Sharon said that an agreement should be reached quickly, without reference to the elections. The Histadrut says it would like to conclude by May 15, when the April consumer price index, expected to be very high, is released.

Sharon denied recent reports that the Treasury will attempt to delay the signing of an agreement until after the elections.

The heads of both delegations also

agreed that a new method of paying the cost-of-living increment must be found, to cope with the high rate of inflation. The Histadrut is currently involved in negotiations with the private employers regarding the C-o-L increment, and it is generally agreed that there can be little progress on wage agreements until the matter is settled.

In reaction to Kessar's demand that the real value of workers' wages be maintained, Sharon said that the government would like to calculate their real value on the basis of the average pay of 1982. Kessar, in turn, demanded that 1984 be compared only with 1983, and not with a year arbitrarily chosen by the government.

Among other Histadrut demands are revision of tax brackets in line with a new C-o-L accord, government agreement that previous undertakings will be upheld, solutions to the problems caused by last year's significant wage increases for doctors (other public sector workers are now demanding similar raises), and a minimum wage of 50 per cent of the average national wage.

Kessar suggested that the two sides work together to raise productivity and improve work conditions.



Druse spiritual leader Sheikh Amin Tarif addresses a ceremony held last Thursday at Daliat al-Carmel to mark the issuing of a postage stamp in honour of Druse soldiers who have fallen in Israel's wars. Alongside him are Communications Minister Mordechai Zipori (centre) and MK Amal Nasser a-Din. (Camera 2)

## Woman, 72, murdered in Haifa hostel

By DAVID RUDGE  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A 72-year-old woman was found beaten to death on Friday at a Kiryat Haim hostel for the elderly where she was a resident, police reported.

The body of Bracha Klempner

was found by the hostel staff shortly after noon on Friday.

A special team was set up by Haifa district police chief Tat Nitzav Meshulam Amit to investigate the killing.

Police are not revealing any additional details about the killing or the deceased.

## Educator calls jumping queue 'a sin'

Jerusalem Post Staff

Jumping a queue is blasphemous, according to the director of religious education in the Education Ministry.

In a circular to teachers under his direction, Avraham Ron recently decried the methods used by many people to illicitly get to the front of queues at bus stops, banks and theatre box offices. Lack of consideration and disdain for others are widespread, he said, even among pupils.

Some actually tie by saying that

they have been queuing longer than others who came first, he bemoaned.

Worst of all, according to Ron, is that some of the transgressors are religiously observant. The practice of jumping the queue, he stressed, is not only dishonest, but causes others to be late for appointments and even to lose money.

He called on educators not to dismiss the subject as of little importance, and to teach their pupils to observe the rules of queuing as they teach them to observe the Sabbath and other religious commandments.

## Shipyard workers concerned over future

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The 850 workers at Israel Shipyards are still worried about their future, despite Thursday's Finance Ministry promise that they would be building two refrigerator ships.

The vessels, which will cost about \$25 million each, are planned by the Zim and Agrexco companies as a joint venture for exporting agricultural produce. The government would have to subsidize the construction of each ship by about \$5m. to make

their price competitive.

At the Thursday meeting, the finance and transport ministers made the placing of the order conditional on workers agreeing to an efficiency plan which calls for the dismissal of at least 150 men.

Workers now fear that once they agree to the dismissals the government will string them along until the election. They cite the fact that no steel has yet been ordered by the yard as proof that the promise is "not serious."

## Acute overcrowding in prisons

Last year's rise of about 1,000 in the number of prisoners in Israel and the territories is causing acute overcrowding in the country's penal institutions, Prison Service Commissioner Mordechai Wertheimer disclosed on Friday.

Speaking to members of the Israel Management Centre in Jerusalem, he said that another 500 persons awaiting trial or after sentencing are being held in IDF and police jails. Thus, the 1,500 places added in one

new prison and in various existing institutions last year have not lessened the overcrowding.

Last year's increase, to 7,300 persons behind bars, represented a 15 per cent rise, while in previous years, increases averaged only 2 per cent. Wertheimer said that a large jump has occurred in the number of drug-related convictions, from about 3 per cent annually in the past to 28 per cent in 1983 and the first third of 1984. (Iim)

## Suspended term for man who attacked doctor

HAIFA (Iim). — A Kfar Yasif resident, found guilty of attacking a doctor at a Kupat Holim clinic in Nahariya, was sentenced at Haifa District Court on Friday to six months imprisonment, suspended for two years.

The offender, Hussein Hamad Hassan, 42, was arrested following the attack in September, 1982. Has-

san arrived at the clinic and demanded a blood test. The doctor asked him to wait his turn and Hassan attacked the doctor, pushing him and tearing several buttons off his clothing.

Judge Amnon Carmi handed out the sentence, which was lenient, he said, in view of Hassan's ill health.

## Court asked to bar terrorist's release

A man whose son and daughter-in-law were murdered by a terrorist has petitioned the High Court of Justice to forbid Defence Minister Moshe Arens from releasing the killer in a possible prisoner exchange with Syria.

Justice Menahem Elon on Friday referred the suit to a bench of three justices.

The killer, Mohammed Shubaki, was convicted of the February 1982

murder of Uriel and Hadassa Barak, near Beit Gavrin, and of participating in the 1980 killing of settlers in Hebron. Two of three military judges in the case called for the death sentence, but for lack of unanimity, he was sentenced to life in prison.

In his petition, Azriel Barak argues that only the IDF commander in the administered territories, not the cabinet, holds authority to intervene in the military criminal justice system. He expressed the fear that extraneous considerations might lead to Shubaki's release, and says that this was the case last November, when 63 convicted terrorists were freed in a prisoner exchange with the PLO. (Iim)

## Taxi fares to rise 16%

Taxi fares are to go up 16 per cent on Tuesday, with the initial fare displayed rising to IS200. The fare will then increase in units of IS10.

A Transport Ministry spokesman stressed that it is up to each taxi owner to have his meter adjusted on Tuesday.

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## Bank Leumi lost over \$70 million in 1983

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Bank Leumi group lost IS7,748 million after taxes in 1983, compared to net (after tax) profits of IS1,471m. in 1982. Both figures are based on Advisory Opinion 23 of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants which takes both inflation and capital erosion into account.

If the figures are translated into dollars at the representative rate of IS107.77 to the dollar at the end of 1983, the loss becomes \$71.9m., compared to a profit of \$13.6m. the year before.

Ernest Japhet, chairman of the Leumi board and chief executive officer, noted that the "bad results" had been widely known for some time, and that so far they had had no untoward effect on the group's reputation abroad.

The sum in foreign currency accounts held by non-Israelis had not changed substantially and the bank's ability to borrow money abroad had not diminished.

Japhet castigated the Treasury, whose fiscal and monetary policies were "catastrophic" in 1983. It was these policies which led to the bank losing money, he said.

Loans to customers did not yield a return comparable with the rate of inflation, he said. Moreover, taxation on nominal profits (inflationary profits which are not real profits) were another serious cause of the losses in 1983. Japhet claimed the government adopted a policy of

"discriminating" deliberately against the banks in 1983.

He added, however, that another reason for the losses was competition between the banks. Banks did not charge fees for their services compatible with their costs, he said.

The Finance Ministry's policy of keeping a cheap dollar in relation to an expensive shekel caused a shift from shekel accounts to patam (foreign currency equivalent) accounts, he said, and there was a rush to sell commercial bank shares to buy patam. This was all in expectation of a huge devaluation (which came in October, 1983) after the banks could no longer support the price of their own shares.

Due to the rush of shekels into patam, the bank ran into liquidity problems, and had to pay "harsh" fines, "which were not deductible for tax purposes."

He added that perhaps the bank's directors had made mistakes, but that these mistakes were not the reason for the loss.

Mordechai Einhorn, general manager and chief operations officer, noted that the group was implementing an efficiency drive. Over time since the end of September, 1983, has been cut by some 40 per cent.

The bank is reducing the number of its branches in accordance with their expected profitability potential. Eighteen branches and "counters" (in hotels etc.) have been closed. By the end of 1984, another 20 will have been closed or merged.

## Orgad: Bankers responsible for losses

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The people who run the banks, not the government, are responsible for the banks' losses, Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad told Israel Radio on Friday evening. He was responding to Bank Leumi board chairman Ernest Japhet who on Friday blamed government policy for the banks' lack of profit last year.

The banks failed to keep their expenses in line with their income, the finance minister said, and the regulation of bank shares was a symptom of the "lack of reality" in the way the banks operated. Regarding the banks' demand for government help to improve their profit position, Cohen-Orgad said the requisite retroactive legislation which would have favoured banking over other sectors was too high a

socio-political price to pay. He added that, contrary to what Japhet had said, the banks are not subsidizing the government.

He said early elections have not changed his ministry's positions on unemployment, inflation and other issues. The balance of payments situation is improving because industrial exports have been increasing by about 15 per cent a month while imports of consumer goods have been decreasing.

The inflation problem requires that a social contract be reached with the Histadrut, he said, and he hopes this will be possible after the elections.

The finance minister believes the banks will start paying interest on checking account deposits within a few weeks. This will be necessary to encourage people to keep their money in the banks, he said.

## Shostak pledges support for Bikur Holim

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Health Minister Eliezer Shostak has promised Jerusalem's Bikur Holim Hospital generous government financial support.

In a meeting on Friday with the directors of the hospital, Shostak said the government would provide Bikur Holim with larger allocations

to help cover its deficit and for development purposes as well.

Representing the hospital at the meeting were the director, Professor Shlomo Stern, Alexander Heiden, from Antwerp, of the hospital's international board of directors, and Emanuel Mack of the Israeli board.

Since the decision of Shaare Zedek Hospital to join with Kupat Holim, Bikur Holim's future as an independent hospital has been thrown into question. Unlike Hadassah Hospital and now Shaare Zedek, Bikur Holim, with 200 beds in the centre of Jerusalem, does not have a strong patron.

## New Anna Frank exhibition planned

By ERNIE MEYER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The board chairman of the Anna Frank House in Amsterdam, Dick Houwaart, is in Israel to make arrangements for two exhibitions to mark the 40th anniversary next summer of Anna Frank's death at Bergen-Belsen.

Amsterdam, New York and Frankfurt, where she was born, have already contracted to host a new exhibition based on her life, called "Matter of Choice." Taking its name from a passage in her famous

diary, where Anna noted that human beings are daily faced with the choice of good or evil, the exhibition warns against the dangers of racism, prejudice and fascism, whether from the right or the left.

Houwaart is also negotiating with Yad Vashem about hosting the existing Anna Frank Exhibition. He said the Anna Frank House attracts over half a million visitors every year. It has a staff of 52 and its annual budget of about \$3 million is largely covered by the Dutch government.

## Wallenberg exhibition opens in Beersheba

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — "Unless proved otherwise, it must be assumed that Wallenberg is alive," Dr. Jean Kloos-Fishman, secretary of the Raoul Wallenberg Association in Beersheba, said at the opening of an exhibition on Wallenberg last week.

The exhibition, in cooperation with Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, is located in the university library and will remain open until May 17.

## German youth seek to rebuild synagogue

DUESSELDORF, West Germany (AP). — A local youth federation has launched a fund-raising drive to pay for rebuilding a former synagogue that was torched earlier this year by neo-Nazis.

The incident stirred up memories of the Holocaust in Düsseldorf, where only 57 of the city's 1,000-member Jewish community survived World War II, historians said.

"The synagogue must be rebuilt, no matter what it costs," Klaus Richter, the deputy chairman of the Düsseldorf Youth Association, declared while visiting the ruins last week to launch the campaign.

But many local politicians don't agree. They say the building, which goes to 1875, hasn't been used as a synagogue since 1909 and they favour razing the ruins to make room for a public park.

The city had purchased the building, which most recently was used as a garage, to make room for a park early this year before the arson attack.

On February 24, two neo-Nazis, 24 and 27, set the building on fire after getting drunk and singing Nazi songs in a local tavern, police said.

They were apprehended after spraying swastikas and anti-Semitic graffiti on houses and walls near the former synagogue, police said.

Both said they were members of the National Democratic Party of Germany, a far right-wing party that has been described as neo-Nazi by West German courts. The NPD polls under 1 per cent in national elections.

The suspects, whose names were not released, were charged with arson, property damage and dis-

playing illegal Nazi symbols, authorities said. They are free on bail pending trial.

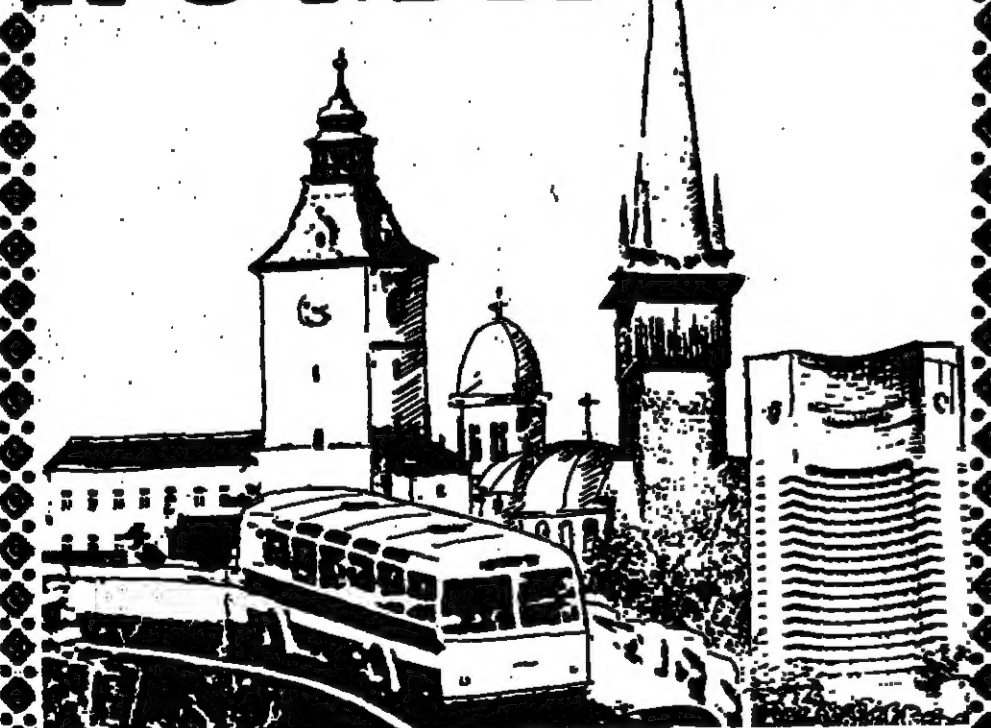
The local Social Democratic Party favours using unemployed youths to restore the former synagogue as a memorial, but the Christian Democratic Union and Free Democrats factions in city hall opposes the plan for financial reasons.

The city council plans to decide on what course to take next month. In the meantime, the youth association decided to try to raise the necessary funds on its own.

The arson attack was reminiscent of Crystal Night desecrations on November 9, 1938, when most of Germany's 300 synagogues were gutted in flames set by Nazi gangs.

Düsseldorf now has about 3,000 Jewish residents, authorities said.

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## WORLD NEWS

### Big Soviet offensive still on in Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD (AP). — A Soviet attack on Afghan guerrillas in the mountain valley of Panjshir, described by observers as part of the biggest Soviet offensive in the four-year struggle in Afghanistan, was believed continuing yesterday, as scattered fighting was reported around the country.

Major operations were also reported by Pakistan-based resistance leaders in the large cities of Kandahar, in southeastern Afghanistan near the Pakistan border, and at Herat, in the west toward the Iranian border.

There has been no official report on the Panjshir fighting since Tuesday, when the official Afghan radio said Soviet security forces had occupied the gorge in the north of the country and were mopping up pockets of resistance. On Friday, the radio claimed that 76 guerrillas were killed in Kandahar, with 19 more arrested and large quantities of arms confiscated.

Afghan rebel leaders in the frontier town of Peshawar said their latest reports — handwritten accounts delivered over the border by runners — supplied few details on the fighting. "We've heard that the Russian columns have entered the valley but we can't confirm this," said resistance spokesman Masood Khalili. But he added that "with this sort of information, it's impossible to tell what's really going on."

Western observers believed that

rebel silence on the Soviet offensive at Panjshir indicated that rebels were having problems staying off Soviet attacks.

The U.S. State Department in Washington, citing information believed based on satellite reports, said thousands of airborne and ground troops have attacked rebel forces across Afghanistan in the Soviet Union's biggest-ever offensive against the guerrillas.

The Soviet-backed Communist government in Kabul has already vowed that 1984 will be the "year of decision" in crushing the Moslem rebellion that has raged across the country since a 1978 coup.

The Panjshir, the largest rebel training camp in Afghanistan, has served as a symbol of resistance to the Soviet-installed regime in Kabul, now headed by Babrak Karmal, which marked its sixth anniversary in power on Friday.

A staging area for guerrilla attacks on convoys from the north and on Kabul itself, a new Soviet campaign had been anticipated since a year-long truce between the rebels and the Soviets expired in January.

Earlier reports indicated that the Soviets mounted a twin-pronged assault from the south and from the north in an apparent effort to squeeze the rebels out. Such a move, for which the rebels say they were prepared, would result in tactical withdrawal to mountain hideouts and camps in adjacent valleys.

### Armenian attack in Teheran precedes Turkish leader's visit

ANKARA (Reuters). — Armenian terrorists shot and critically wounded a Turkish businessman in Teheran yesterday, hours before Prime Minister Turgut Ozal arrived in the Iranian capital on an official visit, the Foreign Ministry said here.

Guamen on a motorcycle opened fire on Sadiye Yonder, a secretary at the Turkish Embassy, and her businessman husband Isk as they drove to the embassy yesterday morning, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

Isk Yonder was hit in the head by a bullet which entered his brain. The wound is inoperable, according to the spokesman. His wife escaped unhurt.

The spokesman said responsibility for the attack was claimed by the Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (Asala), one of two main

Armenian underground groups that have killed almost 40 Turks and several foreigners in a decade of attacks on Turkish targets around the world.

It was the second time in a month that Armenian gunmen had struck at Turkish targets in Teheran. On March 28, two diplomats were wounded, one seriously, in a rash of attacks around the city.

During his stay in Teheran, Ozal is scheduled to discuss with Iranian officials the strengthening of trade, economic and transport relations between Turkey and Iran.

Another Turkish delegation of businessmen and government officials headed by State Minister Ismail Ozdaglar arrived in Teheran earlier last week. Ozal is expected to finalize in the shootout were cremated by police yesterday.

### Sikhs blast Hindu shrine, shoot five state employees

AMRITSAR, India (AP). — Sikh terrorists yesterday tossed a grenade into a Hindu shrine, and five government employees were wounded in a separate ambush in troubled Punjab state, police said.

The unidentified Sikh terrorists hurled a grenade into a Hindu temple near Amritsar and then escaped on a motorcycle, police said. The shrine was damaged, but the target of the attackers, the shrine priest, escaped unhurt.

Other gun-wielding Sikh extremists, hiding in ambush, fired on a van carrying the payroll for state electricity board employees, according to police in Batala, 50 kilometres southeast of Amritsar. Five people

including the van driver were wounded, police said. No money was taken.

In curfew-bound Moga city, 75 km. south of this Sikh holy city, militants burned four Hindu-owned stores, state police said.

Moga was the scene of a gun battle on Thursday between paramilitary troops and Sikh extremists firing from inside a shrine. The eight Sikhs killed in the shootout were cremated by police yesterday.

Authorities, meanwhile, imposed a curfew in the nearby town of Baghapurana after Sikh rioting erupted again. No further details were immediately available.

### Epidemics kill nearly 1,000 in 3 Indian states

NEW DELHI (AP). — Nearly 1,000 Indians, mostly children, have died in recent weeks from epidemics caused by bacteria-contaminated water, officials said yesterday.

Dysentery has claimed 628 lives in West Bengal, hepatitis B killed 271 in Gujarat, and 90 people died of gastro-enteritis in Tripura, according to health officials in the three states.

Medical teams and vaccines have been rushed to epidemic-stricken areas, but panic is reported growing even among local medical staff, who believe the diseases are spreading.

In West Bengal, about 13,000 dysentery patients have crowded government hospitals, with hundreds sleeping in corridors.

Doctors in Ahmedabad, a city in the western Gujarat state, reportedly believed that hepatitis has been spreading from hospitals. Some victims may have contracted the epidemic while being treated for minor diseases in the hospitals.

Safe drinking water is not available in India's large cities, including New Delhi. Many of the nation's estimated 370,000 villages do not have tap water. In some, drinking water comes from springs and stagnant puddles. Piped water is often contaminated due to poor sanitary conditions.

### China says it 'wiped out' attacking Vietnamese force

PEKING. — Chinese troops yesterday wiped out a Vietnamese force in a border clash, the New China News Agency said in a dispatch from "frontline reporters."

The agency said Chinese frontier guards hit back at attacking Vietnamese troops at Laosban in Yunnan province, "killing all the Vietnamese in fierce fighting." It did not specify how many Vietnamese were killed, nor on which side of the border.

China's Xinhua news agency also accused Vietnam yesterday of heavily shelling densely populated Chinese border villages during the past month, killing or wounding more than 40 frontier guards and civilians.

Since the beginning of April, the official Xinhua news agency said "the Vietnamese forces along the border have fired more than 10,000 rounds" into China's Yunnan province and Guangxi region, and occupied some Chinese territory in two counties.

Last week, Xinhua said that Chinese gunners killed or wounded "several hundred Vietnamese soldiers" in retaliation for Vietnamese armed provocations.

It is impossible to independently confirm rival claims concerning the fighting. Vietnam has accused China of killing Vietnamese civilians in artillery barrages of thousands of rounds.

### Australia bars 'Glubb Pasha's' son

SYDNEY, Australia (AP). — A British journalist has been barred from entering Australia because of alleged ties with the PLO, a newspaper reported yesterday.

The Australian newspaper said Faris Glubb had planned to make a lecture tour in Australia but was refused a visa last week.

Glubb is the son of Sir John Glubb, British commander of the Arab Legion which became the Royal Jordanian Army when Jordan became independent after World War II.

Sir John, 87, was known as Glubb Pasha, and wrote several books on Arab history and Arab military history.

The decision to bar the younger Glubb entry to Australia was made by Prime Minister Bob Hawke after a dispute between Foreign Minister Bill Hayden and Immigration and

Ethnic Affairs Minister Stewart West, the newspaper said, citing "unidentified officials."

West thought Glubb should be allowed into the country while Hayden did not.

Australian government policy states that a foreigner who is a member of a political organization can be refused a visa only if the organization has been involved in violent political acts or advocates violent political acts.

A government spokesman said yesterday that Glubb was turned down because he had stated that he was a member of the PLO.

The PLO information officer in Australia, Ali Kazak, said Glubb was not a member of the group, but had only contributed to a PLO publication in Britain called the *Palestine Bulletin*.

### Germans may help Iran build nuclear reactors

OFFENBACH, West Germany (AP). — A West German company said Friday it is willing to complete two nuclear power plants in Iran, but the first could not become operational before 1989.

Kraftwerk Union, an Offenbach-based builder of nuclear power plants, said about 40 employees had been in Iran since early 1984 investigating whether it is "technically possible" to finish the first of two

partially completed plants in Boushabar.

Results of the investigation, which was contracted by Iranian authorities in September 1983, will be released in October 1984, the statement said.

However, the company said it would not agree to begin work on the nuclear reactors "before the war between Iran and Iraq is ended."

### U.S. heiress' husband granted a new trial

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island (AP). — The Rhode Island Supreme Court on Friday granted Claus von Bulow a new trial on charges that he tried to murder his heiress wife with insulin injections at their Newport mansion.

The court ruled that the state violated von Bulow's right to privacy

by having chemical tests performed on drugs found in a black bag in von Bulow's closet.

A Superior Court jury decided March 16, 1982, that von Bulow twice secretly injected his millionaire wife with insulin, knowing it would aggravate her low blood sugar condition.

### Alcohol may help prevent emphysema

DURHAM, North Carolina (AP). — Studies indicate that smokers who drink alcohol do not seem as likely to develop emphysema, researchers at Duke University say.

"We aren't advocating that smokers take up drinking," said Dr. Philip Pratt, professor of pathology. "The protection alcohol seems to give the lungs is often upset by the damage it can do to other parts of the body, notably the brain and the liver."

But Pratt said the discovery has given researchers what could be an

important clue to the disease. "Perhaps a drug will eventually be found that offers the same or even better protection without the harmful effects of excessive alcohol consumption," Pratt said in the March issue of the *Journal of Chest*.

Emphysema involves the progressive destruction of alveoli, the tiny air sacs in the lungs. Shortness of breath after exercise is one of its early symptoms. In its final stage, more oxygen is used by the body in the act of breathing than the lungs can collect. There is no cure for the disease.



The head of the Libyan People's Bureau in London, Matoq Mohamed Matoq, is escorted by police to a waiting Libyan airliner at London's Heathrow Airport on Friday. The Libyans left following the rupture of diplomatic relations. (UPI telephoto)

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## Nine lives of Amelie

By ERNIE MEYER



THE OLD ADAGE, "Don't wring your hands, use them" — "Nicht Hände ringen, Hände rühren," in the original German — was part of Amelie Rosenbluth's upbringing in Niederaula (the village, where SS veterans like to meet) at the end of the last century.

It was this attitude of activism, combined with religious faith and a good deal of luck, that helped her, a woman of over 50, to survive Theresienstadt, Auschwitz, bomb damage clearance in Hamburg, and finally Bergen-Belsen.

Now, two months from her 91st birthday, Rosenbluth stresses these three elements as she recalls some of her "miraculous" escapes from death during her three years in concentration camps. "It was God who gave me the idea of what to do and what to say at crucial moments," she says with shining eyes as we sit in her comfortable apartment in Jerusalem's Neve Simba retirement home.

"Of course, in addition to my faith, I had to act. I couldn't afford to lose my willpower or determination. Whenever anything terrible happened, some advice from my parents also came to my mind."

Even during her happy school

days in rural Bavaria, young Amelie had to learn to defend herself against the occasional anti-Semitic taunt.

The family later moved to the town of Fuerth and, right after World War I, Amelie married a childless widower much older than herself, with whom she was very happy.

The couple had one son, Ernest, but in 1936 her husband had to abandon his factories and flee for his life to Prague where he died in 1941. The Rosenbluths managed to send their son to England on one of the last planes allowed to leave Czechoslovakia.

On her own now, Rosenbluth took a course in nursing and also studied to be a dietitian. "I had decided that this would help me eat and keep warm." As it turned out, she says, the training did help her.

From her job in the kitchen of a Prague hospital she was taken to Theresienstadt in 1942. She was in a group of Jews rounded up in reprisal for the killing near Lidice of the SS leader Reinhard Heydrich. It was at Theresienstadt that the series of "miracles" which she said saved her life started.

One day she was already at the door of her building, ready to join a

transport for Auschwitz, when a voice called *ausgeschieden*, meaning that she was "taken off" the list.

"It was a friend of mine," she recalls. "To this day, I don't know how she managed to get me off the list. All the people in that transport were murdered."

Rosenbluth has high praise for the camp leader at Theresienstadt, Jacob Edelstein, and his family, with whom she became friendly. Even now, 40 years later, she cannot talk enough about how this man used his authority to help fellow-inmates obtain food. When he could, he prevented their being transferred to Auschwitz. Yet he and his family were eventually taken there and shot following a direct encounter with Adolf Eichmann.

"I must tell you of one experience at Theresienstadt," says Rosenbluth. "I was working as a maid at the home of one of the camp leaders. His wife was allowed to cultivate a garden and had the privilege of growing some apples. Every morning as I did my work I would long to eat one. Finally, hunger overcame me and I pushed me beyond the limits of my willpower: I stole an apple and ate it."

"You see, to this day, I have not forgotten what I did. Even though I

was starving, I never lost the sense of what was right and wrong."

EVENTUALLY Rosenbluth was taken to Auschwitz, where she spent a year and three months. She tells of several escapes from the gas chambers.

Her last one occurred during a "selection" by Dr. Josef Mengele of able-bodied women under 45, who were needed to clear rubble in bombed-out Hamburg.

"We were ordered to strip and pass naked three times before Mengele," she recalls. "Our humiliation was beyond belief. I was already completely grey at the time, but I snatched a kerchief from a friend and somehow passed the selection. Of course, we did not know then where we were going."

In Hamburg the women loaded and unloaded railway wagons, cleared building debris and shovelled snow.

"We did this work in all kinds of weather and had no protection from the biting cold, except for light dresses and wooden shoes. Even today I ask myself how I could have done all this with so little food in my stomach."

But again, a "miracle" happened.

French prisoners of war, encamped near the women, gave them food and clothing which they had got through the Red Cross. Rosenbluth was again the cook and leader of her little group of friends.

Although all contact with the French was strictly forbidden, some of the girls got friendly with the soldiers.

"Our girls, with my help, somehow managed to attach their love letters to the bottom of the soup bowls that went to the French. Perhaps we needed this diversion just to remind ourselves that we were still human," she says.

One day in Hamburg, a German officer approached the Jewish slave labourers and passed around a note with the name of Rosenbluth's childhood girl friend, now his wife.

On leave from the army, Rudolf Schneider was in his native town and soon told Rosenbluth how he had searched for her whenever he was near Jewish prisoners in their striped uniforms. From now on he helped her with food and clothing, well aware that his actions were greatly endangering both himself and his family.

At the very first encounter, Schneider said: "I have my lunch with me. I would like to give it to you, but it is not kosher." "You can give it to me," Rosenbluth told him. "Now I can eat it." Eventually he brought her underwear and even a fur-lined jacket belonging to his wife.

"In the midst of all that inhumanity, this man's action exemplified for me the goodness of which man is capable," says Rosenbluth. One day Schneider left and she did not see him any more.

After the war, however, he traced her through her son in London, and offered to transfer to her a pension he was receiving from a Dutch company for which he had worked. Rosenbluth refused gratefully. In his letter he wrote: "Your bed was always ready at our house, as we hoped you would run away one day."

As the Allied armies approached Hamburg, the Jewish prisoners were taken to the Bergen-Belsen camp. There even Rosenbluth's luck almost ran out. With the German guards fleeing the camp, the prisoners were left to starve and rot. Shortly before the arrival of the British she contracted typhus, "a terrible, terrible sickness."

"I lost all my senses, one after the other. Finally I couldn't stand any more and lay unconscious for many days. When I woke up I was very weak, but doctors, nurses and Quakers from all over the world came to help us. To this day I am moved when I think back and remember their efforts and the risks of infection they took," she says.

After her recovery, Rosenbluth was taken to Sweden for complete recuperation. She eventually moved to Toronto, where her son lived. Today her son and daughter-in-law and most of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren live in Israel.

"Nowadays I don't think much about the camp days," Rosenbluth says. "My thoughts go back more to my youth and to the many people I knew who did not survive the Holocaust."

## Laying the ghost of mutual antagonism

Last year, six well-known Poles and Jews issued a manifesto calling for a rapprochement between their two peoples. Extracts from their statement appear below.

FORTY YEARS ago two flags were hoisted side by side on the roof of a building inside the embattled Warsaw ghetto. One was blue and white, and the other white and red. The Jewish fighters had only hours left to live when they sent this message to the Polish people: "We send you our fraternal greeting from amidst the flames and blood of the murdered Warsaw ghetto. The struggle going here is for your freedom and ours. For the human, social, and national honour and dignity of us all. Long live the brotherhood of arms and the blood of fighting Poland."

This was a farewell that struck a tragic yet beautiful final note after nearly one thousand years in which Jews and Poles had lived together on Polish soil.

Forty years after the uprising in the Warsaw ghetto, the culminating point of the greatest tragedy in mankind's history, we, the undersigned, feel it is our moral duty to keep that message from the 20th-century Masada from being forgotten.

Three of us during the Second World War were emissaries of the Polish Underground Army fighting in Poland and the Polish government in exile in London. Across frontiers and battlefronts we carried eyewitness accounts and documentary evidence of the mass extermination of the Jews, together with desperate appeals from the dying — appeals meant to rouse and awaken the conscience of an indifferent world. The other three of us are Jewish activists in the West, each with a record of many years of struggle behind him, each with a keen sense of fidelity to the heritage of Polish Jewry.

Of the Jewish community in Poland before the war, which numbered three million citizens, there are only a few thousand left today. The Jewish quarters and the walls the Nazis put up around them have since been levelled by a common enemy. Yet another kind of wall is being erected today to separate the

Poles and the Jews, and on both sides of this wall mutual resentment and a sense of injustice are spawning enmity and hatred.

Hatred is a boomerang that returns to everyone and spares no one, be he the stronger or the weaker party. The harvest of the hatred that was sown in the soul of Germany was Hitlerism. And the inhuman tyranny of the Soviet Union is the offspring of hatred.

The Jews remember Polish anti-Semitism, which made itself really felt only at the turn of the present century, and they forget that it was opposed by broad sectors of Poland's liberal and democratic intelligentsia, by the Polish labour movement, and by the outstanding figures of Polish culture. The strongest supporters of the Jews includes some of Poland's greatest writers, people like Adam Mickiewicz, Jozef Ignacy Krasicki, Boleslaw Prus, Eliza Orzeszkowa, Maria Konopnicka, Andrzej Strug and others.

What Polish anti-Semites forget is that, although there were few cases of outright cruelty and physical violence in the independent Republic of Poland, even a Jew brought up in the Polish language and cultural tradition of Poland never felt he was a full-fledged citizen. He was not only keenly aware of the school-bench ghetto at the universities, but also he was treated with scorn and mistrust and subjected to boycott and discrimination, for which there was no legal justification in Polish law.

The familiar epithet Judeo-Communism cast every Jew in the role of potential enemy of the Polish state and as a foreign agent. The part Jews played in the Koscusko insurrection of 1794 and in the uprisings of 1831 and 1863 was forgotten, as were the Jewish volunteers who fought in the Polish Legions and other military formations during World War I and in the struggle for an independent Poland.

It was the British historian Norman Davies, a great friend of the Poles, who recently reminded the world of the Jews who volunteered to fight the Bolsheviks in the Polish-Russian war of 1920-21; but they were thrown out of the army and interned in camps instead. Does anyone remember, however, that the famous paragraph in the Petersburg

manifesto of March 27, 1917, in which the Council of Workers' and Soldiers' Delegates demanded that Poland be granted "the right to total independence," was drawn up not by the Russians but by a Polish Jew, Henryk Ehrlich, leader of the Bund, the Jewish Socialist Party? Communist propagandists make much of the clause, but they do not mention that fact and that Ehrlich was executed on Stalin's orders during World War II.

THE JEWS in turn blame the entire Polish nation for the acts of the *szmalcowniks*, criminal elements that existed in all the occupied countries, who turned Jews over to Nazi murderers. Resentment has made them forget that the majority of Jews who survived the Holocaust outside the extermination camps owe their survival to the heroism of Poles who risked their lives and the lives of their families to save them, and that an incomplete list of Poles executed for hiding Jews numbers 621 families. They forget that Poles outnumbered all the others on the honour rolls of Yad Vashem in Israel, and that a number of Polish Underground Army soldiers were killed and wounded trying to bring aid to the fighting Warsaw ghetto.

Resentment makes many Jewish writers of today forget or undervalue the work of the Council for Aid to Jews that was created by the high command of the Polish Underground Army, and forget or undervalue the efforts of Polish authorities in occupied Poland and in exile in London who did everything in their power to bring the desperate call for help of dying Jews to the attention of the Western governments and to the world's opinion.

Poles consider themselves deeply wronged when they are held responsible for that mass murder of which they too were the victims. And Jews feel equally hurt when they are blamed for the crimes committed by the Polish Communist Security Police during the Stalinist era, when several high positions in the terror machine and in the party were held by Jews; while no acknowledgement is made of Poles of Jewish origin who have been in the forefront of the freedom movement in Poland since 1956, braving the threat of reprisal with courage and self-sacrifice.

THE TIME has come to slay the ghost of mutual antagonism. Men of good will, Poles and Jews alike, are trying to create a real dialogue, and mutual understanding. Let us use this dialogue to find what unites Poles and Jews.

It is first of all a shared determination that there should never again be an attempt at the total physical annihilation of any nation. Unfortunately the Poles and the Jews still live with that threat hanging over them. Poland's geographical position makes it particularly vulnerable to the current Soviet menace. And Israel is surrounded by a sea of hostile Arab countries, looking for the chance to destroy a young state miraculously reborn after 2,000 years.

Any gesture or sign of solidarity from Poles at home or abroad with the fate of the State of Israel would do more to eliminate Polish-Jewish friction than volumes of apologetic self-justifying prose.

Poles and Jews are fellows in misfortune in the Soviet Union, where they are the two most persecuted minorities, both of them victims of cruel discrimination and injustice. If the Jewish diaspora with considerable influence in the Western democracies were to extend its struggle for the right of Soviet Jewry to emigrate from the Soviet Union to people of other nationalities and religions wishing to return to their homelands, including the Poles, its efforts would surely be warmly welcomed by Poles everywhere.

In advancing these first thoughts concerning the rapprochement of Jews and Poles, we are fully cognizant of the risk of attack by extremists on both sides.

We are acting in obedience to the Ten Commandments, the foundation of both our religions and the foundation on which the supreme values of our civilization rest. We are convinced that this is the best way we can serve the cause of Poles and Jews.

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## Volumes of evidence

By ERNIE MEYER

Some difficulty, stumbling over the faded writing of over 40 years ago and the odd Lithuanian word, or the names of farmers who had helped him either with hiding places or with food. One entry dealt with the exchange of two litres of precious milk, which a farmer had intended to give to his dog, but which he traded to Gefen for some stale bread, which he threw to the canine.

Aba Gefen, 63, was born in the small town of Simnas near Kovno. His parents and two of his brothers perished in the Holocaust, but Gefen, who was 19 when the Germans took over Lithuania, pulled his 15-year-old brother and himself through three agonizing years of running and hiding in an amazing feat of resourcefulness and endurance. His stamina and spiritual resources allowed him to help ten other Jews to survive the period.

The diary starts on September 11, 1941. With amazing stubbornness and an uncanny recognition of the probable historic importance of his effort, young Gefen collected his bits of paper and carried them on his

person, wrapped in a cloth. To realize the magnitude of the effort one has to remember that the two brothers hid in barns and haylofts, and during one period spent two months sleeping in open fields.

Gefen takes pains to point out that the farmers who helped him did so out of simple humanity, since he had no means of paying them. One farmer, Pavlovsky, who had earlier hidden Jews, refused to come out of his bunker when the police searched his farm. His kindness to the hunted cost him his life, when the Germans burned down his house on top of him.

With a price on his head, Gefen says, luck, too, helped him to survive until the arrival of the Russians in July 1944.

After the liberation Gefen was active in helping survivors reach Palestine. In 1950 he joined the Foreign Ministry, in whose service he has gone to Italy, South American states, Canada, and finally to Rumania, as ambassador from 1978 to 1982. Today he is in charge of the ministry's historical department and its representative on the Yad Vashem board.

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# Sports

## The Russians—and Budd—are coming

LOS ANGELES (Reuters). — Los Angeles Olympics chief Peter Ueberroth said on his return from meeting Soviet officials in Switzerland that he was now convinced the Soviet Union would send a team to the Olympic Summer Games.

The Soviet National Olympic Committee and the Soviet Tourist Agency, Intourist, made a final payment of \$86,000 for tickets for the games. Ueberroth, president of the Los Angeles Olympics Organizing Committee, told a press conference.

South African-born runner Zola Budd is likely to be cleared for participation in the Games, Willi Daume, the Chairman of the Inter-

national Olympic Committee's Eligibility Commission said yesterday in Lausanne.

In London, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said that it was a disgrace for people to try to keep Budd out of competition or to jeer at the South African-born runner.

During Prime Minister's question time in the House of Commons, a Conservative lawmaker asked Margaret Thatcher whether she would condemn those who "pick on and cause distress" to the young athlete.

"I thought the treatment meted out to a 17-year-old girl was utterly appalling, a disgrace to those who meted it out to her," Thatcher said.

## Andujar, Kingman come home

NEW YORK (AP). — Joaquin Andujar came out the victor in a close-pitch battle with Steve Rogers when he hit a solo home run in the fifth inning to break a 2-2 tie and start the St. Louis Cardinals to an 8-2 victory over the Montreal Expos on Friday.

On Thursday, Dave Kingman hit two homers and drove in five runs to lead the Oakland A's to a 7-4 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays, which had four solo homers.

Kingman now has nine homers and 24 RBIs, both leading the major leagues.

American League			
Team	W	L	Pct.
East Division			
Baltimore	10	2	.833
Cleveland	10	6	.625
Detroit	10	6	.625
Minnesota	10	6	.625
Seattle	10	6	.625
West Division			
Los Angeles	12	9	.571
San Diego	12	9	.571
San Francisco	12	9	.571
Chicago	12	9	.571

## Nets, Bucks, Jazz, Mavericks, Suns win

NEW YORK (AP). — Michael Ray Richardson and Otis Birdsong each scored 24 points as the New Jersey Nets upset the defending champion Philadelphia 76ers 101-98 on Thursday night to win their first-round, best-of-five National Basketball Association play-off series 3-2.

In other series-deciding games, Milwaukee ousted Atlanta 118-89, Dallas edged Seattle 105-104 in overtime, Utah rolled to a 127-111 triumph over Denver and Phoenix defeated Portland 117-105. All were tied 2-2 before Thursday.

The sports pages are edited by Philip Gillon and Yaron Kenan.

## Canadians lead ice hockey

EDMONTON (AP). — Wayne Gretzky's third-period goal lifted Edmonton over Minnesota 4-3 on Thursday night, giving the Oilers a 2-0 edge in their Stanley Cup semi-final showdown.

Gretzky nudged in his own rebound on a power play with 13:59 remaining to snap a 3-3 tie.

The best-of-seven series now moves to Minnesota.

The Montreal Canadiens have a surprising 2-0 lead over the Cup holders, the New York Islanders.

**Caesarea golf**  
CAESAREA. — Yesterday's individual stroke play was won by Leon Reussky with a 79 net. Friday's team of 4, with 2 best scores counting, was won by Chuck Shekowitz, Kay Robbins, Ivan Benussi and Barbara Golan.

## Maccabi Haifa 2, Betar Jerusalem 1 Unseen game humbles leaders

By PAUL KOHN  
TEL AVIV. — Maccabi Haifa beat Betar Jerusalem 2-1 in Netanya yesterday to move within two points of Betar, and to turn the National League championship into a two-team race. Four league games remain to be played.

Hapoel Tel Aviv, who were also contenders for the title for most of the season, lost 1-0 in Yavne, and now trail Betar by six points. Maccabi Tel Aviv came from behind to beat Ramat Amichai 2-1 and are two further points astray in fourth place.

At the other end of the table, three of the four bottom teams won their matches, each collecting three valuable points, with Ramat Amichai taking Bnei Yehuda's place at the foot of the first division table. Bnei Yehuda scored a 2-1 win over Shimshon and Maccabi Jaffa scored a fine 3-1 away win in Lod to move up into 11th position.

The individual achievement of the day belonged to Ya'acov "Choco" Mumdar, the Betar Tel Aviv centre-forward, who scored all four goals in Betar's 4-1 win over Hakoah Ramat Gan. It was the first time this season that any player has scored four goals in a game, and it has put Mumdar level with David Lavie, of Maccabi Netanya, as the National league's top goal-scorer, each of them having scored 14 goals. Mumdar joined Betar Tel Aviv at the start of this season from Maccabi Tel Aviv, where coach David Schweitzer rarely gave him a first team place.

An estimated 2,000 fans paid between 151,000 and 152,000 a head to high-rise flat-owners surrounding the Maccabi Netanya ground in order to see the match between Betar Jerusalem and Maccabi Haifa from windows and balconies, some with binoculars. The gates of the stadium were closed because of an F.A. disciplinary ruling against the Haifa team.

A long range shot by Moshe Selektor beat Yossi Mizrahi in the Jerusalem goal already in the 9th minute. Zahi Armeli made it 2-0 in the 72nd minute with a 20 metre shot, a minute after hitting the upright. Eli Ohana headed a Betar goal in the 87th minute, too any real hope of saving a point.

National league			
Team	W	L	Pct.
1. Betar Jm	12	11	.522
2. Macc Haifa	12	9	.571
3. Hapoel TA	10	11	.476
4. Macc TA	10	9	.522
5. Netanya	10	8	.556
6. Macc PT	8	7	.538
7. Betar TA	10	5	.667
8. Shimshon	8	10	.444
9. Be'er Sheva	8	12	.400
10. Hakoah	9	5	.643
11. Jaffa	6	13	.310
12. Lod	7	9	.438
13. Yavne	7	8	.467
14. Yehud	6	10	.385
15. Bnei Yehuda	6	10	.385
16. Amichai	6	10	.385

Second division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
1. Hapoel PT	12	10	.545
2. Kfar Sava	11	10	.524
3. Hadera	11	10	.524
4. Hapoel Haifa	11	9	.550
5. Ramat Hashikma	10	9	.524
6. Ashdod	10	9	.524
7. Hapoel RG	10	9	.524
8. Be'er Sheva	10	9	.524
9. Holon	8	9	.476
10. Hapoel Jm	8	11	.421
11. K. Shimon	8	11	.421
12. Betar Haifa	8	11	.421
13. Marmorek	6	10	.385
14. Netanya	5	10	.333
15. Bnei Shimon	5	13	.278
16. Bnei Shimon	3	11	.217

## Teen-agers shock the mighty

LONDON (AP). — Ipswich, with three teenagers in the team, dented Liverpool's championship hopes at Anfield yesterday and boosted their own hopes of avoiding relegation by holding the Liverpoolians to a 2-2 (2-1) draw.

Eric Gates, the Ipswich captain, put his side ahead in the 18th minute and notched a second in the 57th minute to equalize after Alan Kennedy and Ian Rush had both scored for Liverpool.

But Manchester United lost the golden opportunity to leap-frog over Liverpool to the top of the league, only drawing 0-0 with West Ham at Old Trafford. The crowd of 44,124 emitted a massive groan when a terrific drive by Hughes in the 63rd minute was blocked by the legs of his colleague, Srapleton.

Watford's captain Wilf Rostrom was sent off in his side's match against Luton. As a result, he will miss the Cup Final against Everton on May 19.

## Grand slammer

Joel Barzilai hit two home runs, one a grand slam, to pace Lord Kitch-ASA to an 18-7 pounding of Promoted Land in a Jerusalem derby A Division softball game. Behind Norman Shale's pitching and Ed Freedman's four hits, BBC squeaked by Basser-Modell 19-18.

In the B Division, the U.S. Embassy squeaked in the bottom of the sixth to achieve a remarkable 26-25 victory over the Anglican School of Jerusalem.

On the shores of the Kinneret, Adami Shmari headed Emek Haharden two defeats, 10-3 and 12-5, with Shale Folstein leading the hitting and Bili Aracot pitching two brilliant games.

Lord Kitch-ASA 8, Promoted Land 7; BBC 19, Basser Modell 18.

U.S. Embassy 26, Anglican School 25. Adami Shmari 10-12, Emek Haharden 3-5.

## SCOREBOARD

TENNIS. — Kevin Curran, John McEneaney, Jimmy Connors and Jimmy Arias have reached the semi-finals of the \$500,000 Bank World Championship of Tennis tournament in Dallas. Laura Arroya, Lisa Bender, Bonnie Gadus and Martina Navratilova are the semi-finalists of the \$200,000 Tournament of Champions at Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

CRICKET. — Opener Desmond Haynes hooked a ball from Rodney Blop for six to give the West Indies a nine-wicket victory in the fourth and final one day Test against Australia. Australia 209 for 7, West Indies 211 for one. (Haynes 104 not out. He made 518 against the Australians, averaging 116.85.) MCC beat Essex, the champion county by 67 runs. MCC 235 for 6 (Nicholson 75 not out, Lloyd 69, Lever 3 for 33) and 215 for 3 (Lloyd 102 not out, Gatting 75 not out). Essex 210 (Cooch 75, McIlwain 70, Williams 4 for 55) and 173.



FRENCH STAR IN ACTION — Nathalie Phan-Tanth, the brilliant junior French champion from Vietnam, displays perfect style in an unusual montage picture taken by Haim Pinkason. (IPPA).

## Bloom and French in limelight

By JACK LEON  
BAT YAM. — Local star Gilad Bloom shared the limelight with French players Olivier Cayla, Nathalie Phan-Thanh and Nathalie Housset when the Israel Tennis Association's Junior World Ranking Circuit Tournament continued over the weekend at the beautifully-situated Municipal Country Club courts here.

One thousand spectators filled the centre-court stadium for yesterday's semi-finals. They were treated to some scintillating tennis, highlighted by Cayla's 8-4, 4-6, 6-1 victory over Israeli Amit Naor in a 100-minute contest of the highest quality. Seventeen-year-old Cayla is France's third-ranking under-18 racket, while Naor, 16, is the local No. 2 in this category behind Bloom.

Both boys played aggressive, all-court tennis and long, skillful rallies abounded. Cayla particularly caught the eye with his overhead smashing

and service power, and Naor volleyed with real authority and mixed his game to great effect.

Bloom advanced to the last round with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over South African Andre Terblanche. South Africa's fourth-ranking junior, Terblanche's serve-and-volley game collapsed in the face of baseliner Bloom's stream of sweet passing shots, and the Israeli youth champion was also successful in putting pressure on his opponent's suspect backhand.

In the girls' singles semi, young Israeli Dalia Coriat and Zahavi Golan put on starlike fights against their respective Parodian opponents Phun-Thanh and Housset. Top French junior and sixth-ranking woman player Phun-Thanh, 17 — whose father comes from Vietnam — got past 14-year-old Coriat 6-2, 6-3. Housset, her country's No. 1 under-16 racket, was stretched to 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 by Golan, still only 15.

Bat Yam Mayor Ehad Kinnas told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that, following the success of this tournament, he plans to make the municipality's Country Club courts a regular venue for both national and international tennis meets. The meet ends tomorrow, with a 2 p.m. start.

## Temperamental Maradona faces suspension

BARCELONA (Reuters). — Argentine soccer international Diego Maradona faces a suspension that could affect Barcelona's Spanish league and cup chances after being sent off in a weekend game.

Maradona was dismissed for kicking Espanol's Miguel Angel as Barcelona won the league clash between the two Catalan clubs 5-2.

Spanish soccer officials have to meet to decide on how to punish Maradona. Their decision could have a vital bearing on the success of Barcelona's season with the club still in catching distance of league leaders Athletic Bilbao and Real Madrid with one round to go and due to meet Bilbao in the May Cup final.

"It should have been a yellow card, at the maximum," Barcelona's vice-president Nicolau Casaus said after the match. But referee Jose Donato Perez defended his decision. "I saw the foul clearly and it was a red card all the way," he said.

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Capital, reserves and surplus		22,758,732	12,085,208
Capital notes — convertible into shares of the Bank		6,604,740	2,630,390
		29,363,472	14,715,598
Interest of outside shareholders		2,969,698	1,792,220
Non-convertible bonds and capital notes		50,933,960	14,674,761
Deposits		1,826,580,580	567,387,939
Deposits for the granting of loans		143,575,848	46,822,271
Debentures issued by subsidiaries		247,125,569	92,743,873
Other accounts		8,751,188	4,912,327
		2,309,300,315	743,048,989
LIABILITIES OF CUSTOMERS			
Documentary credits, guarantees and other liabilities		159,594,460	44,601,251

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## Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss

		(thousands of Sheqels)	
		for the period ended:	
		31.12.83	31.12.82
Operating profit before taxation		7,182,794	5,471,594
Provision for taxation on operating profit		1,839,244	1,847,971
		5,343,550	3,623,623
The Bank's equity in undistributed profits of unconsolidated subsidiaries		354,137	144,347
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Non-operating income (expenses), net		(155,564)	472,294
Net profit		3,898,331	3,451,506

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27 Branches  
(in US \$ Thousands)  
Total assets 3,028,110  
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(in £ Thousands)  
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Net profit 714

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(in FFY Thousands)  
Total assets 2,777,726  
Net profit 3,795

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(in SF Thousands)  
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## A malignant growth

THE CAPTURE of a Jewish terrorist gang that intended to blow up five Arab buses is a sobering indication of the extremism that has entered our society. This gang is apparently a more grim and serious underground than the group captured earlier and loosely identified as TNT.

It remains to be seen whether the latest group was also implicated in other, still unsolved, cases of anti-Arab terrorism. Presumably the kind of person who succumbs to such extremism considers himself a super patriot. The irony, of course, is that this super patriotism is nothing more than a rejection of the state. It is a rejection of its values, of its laws, and of its sovereignty itself. For the meaning of sovereignty is that the ultimate sanction of violence is reposed solely in the law and the organs of statehood.

As a result, the immediate targets of such an underground may be Arab. But the ultimate target, whether willingly or unwillingly, is the Jewish State. Such terrorists, if unapprehended, would erode the norms and institutions which make any form of national cohesion possible. They would produce chaos and social destruction amongst Jews and total war between Jew and Arab.

The government and its security arms and all the political parties understand the danger. Nevertheless, in recent years there has been a notable tolerance of individuals and groups whose rhetoric explicitly or implicitly supports anti-Arab extremism. In a free society, rhetoric, however extreme, is not a crime, unless it poses a clear and present danger. But it can be the target of political and social ostracization. Yet that is precisely what is not happening in Israel. On the contrary, the limits of what is considered acceptable are being pushed ever further to chauvinist extremes.

That direction must be reversed if the conditions on which Jewish nationalist extremism feeds are to be eliminated.

## Rogues gallery

THE MAYOR of Tel Aviv, Shlomo Lahat, himself a Liberal, has aptly called his party's central committee a collection of rogues. If there were any doubts, they were dispelled last week for those who witnessed the trading and double and triple dealing between the contenders for the safe places on the Liberals' Knesset list.

In most political parties, there is one face that is presented to the public — that speaks of policies and ideals — and another, more rapacious, face that is revealed in the privacy of the back room. In the Liberal Party there is little of such delicate duality. The private face, being the only face, is what becomes public.

The reason why the Liberal Party can afford to defy niceties and parade its nakedness before the public, is that it does not present itself to the public for approval. Insulated from the electorate's opinion, and a leech on the broad back of Herut, the Liberals take the liberty of being shameless.

The most vivid example of this is the disgraceful way in which the party's central committee expelled Menahem Savidor, the Knesset Speaker, from its Knesset list.

Any political party sensitive to its reputation would retain the Knesset Speaker, second only to the President of the State in formal rank, and like the president expected to transcend party considerations in the performance of his duties. It would consider the Speaker an important and valuable embellishment to its list.

The Liberal Party is spared such considerations. Like washerwomen in continuous contention, they can only wave their dirty laundry, smells and all. Let David Levy and Yitzhak Shamir use detergents.

## BUS SABOTAGE

(Continued from Page One)

Ever since the June 1980 car-bomb attack on three West Bank mayors, in which two lost their legs and a Druse bomb-disposal expert was blinded, the security forces have been waiting for the perpetrators of that attack to move again.

Last July's submachine gun and grenade attack on the university in Hebron in which three people were killed was also thought to involve at least some of the same people.

Friday's attempted sabotage is believed to be in retaliation for the hijacking of an Egged bus near Ashkelon two weeks ago in which an Israeli woman soldier was killed.

Mohammed Julani, the manager of the bus company, said yesterday that he thought the buses were selected because of the stone-throwing attacks on Israeli traffic by residents of the Kalandiya refugee camp who use his line regularly.

The arrests sent shock waves through the settlement movement, and could have long-term implications for the nationalist camp, people in the territories said. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was kept fully informed, police sources said.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg had prepared a statement Friday morning after the arrests began. He said

that "the state of Israel will provide solutions."

"There are no private solutions. There is a state, there is a regime, there is a police force, there are security forces. No one, neither an individual, nor two or three individuals, nor a group, is permitted to take what he thinks is the law into his own hands."

MK Yossi Sarid, who has claimed for the last two years that there is not enough being done to uncover the group that organized the assassination attempt on the West Bank mayors, praised the police and security services, adding he hopes that "in the next few days or weeks" it will become clear that he has "been right all along."

MK Geula Cohen said "of course there's underground activity." But like Burg, she said she would wait for the outcome of the investigation before drawing any conclusions, and she condemned the terror attempt.

Pinhas Wallerstein, chairman of the Binyamin Regional Council in Judea and Samaria, described the underground as "the activity of individuals."

Other Jewish settlement officials in the territories refused to comment directly, but condemned terror activity, "by anybody, whether Jew or Arab."

## POSTSCRIPTS

**TOM TUGEND.** Los Angeles correspondent for The Jerusalem Post, received an award from the Greater Los Angeles Press Club for the best story published in 1983 by a Los Angeles-based foreign correspondent. The prize-winning article

described a commemorative service recalling the persecution of the deaf under the Hitler regime. It appeared in The Post on July 29, 1983.

The award was presented at the Press Club's annual banquet. Some 400 foreign correspondents are based in Los Angeles.

To Mr. Matanyah Hecht,  
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WHENEVER the subject of Nazism comes up, several questions arise. One of these is the "problem of resistance" which continues to nag at the Jewish conscience.

Why didn't the Jews fight back? Why were they so complacent about their tragic lot?

Some answer these questions by pointing to the courageous uprisings which took place in Warsaw, Bialystok, Cracow and Czestochowa. But the question remains: Why did the majority of the Jews go to their death "like sheep to the slaughter?"

Perhaps this Holocaust Memorial Day a more productive question should be asked: How can we point a finger at the millions of unsung heroes who held onto life after it was no longer worth living and accuse them of cowardice?

Far more than the Germans

WE ARE still suffering from the trauma created by last October's bank crisis. The banks' systematic purchase of their own shares, driving prices up to unreasonable heights, has had disastrous consequences. It has left a bitter taste, even though the government came to the rescue of the banks by guaranteeing the October 1983 dollar value of the shares in five years' time. With one stroke of the pen, this turned the shares of all the banks that entered into the "agreement" into dollar-linked government debentures.

It also created serious future financial headaches for the government. It will not be easy, to make the understatement of the year, for the Treasury to honour the obligation it has undertaken.

First, in about 18 months, to the pensioners who, under an even more favourable deal, can sell their shares much earlier to the government against dollar-linked payment in shekels. The bulk of the payment, which has, however, to be made by the Treasury, will mature in about four and a half years from now. This will, without any doubt, create financial problems that will be very difficult to solve.

In addition to this, the operation has given rise to serious misunderstandings. Almost the entire financial community, including some of the so-called investment consultants, believes that buying your own securities, whether they are shares or debentures, is wrong.

This is certainly not correct. A company may buy and sell its own shares, directly or through subsidiaries, if the aim is *Kurspflege* — regulating the quotation — in an effort to create a regular market for the shares.

This is quite normal practice in most European countries and also in Israel. (In the United States and in Britain another mechanism, the intermediary of specialists or jobbers, has been established to create regular markets.) But a pre-condition is that its aim, to create a market for the shares, is not forgotten.

This means buying and selling.

# A word about resistance

By HANOCH TELLER

wanted to destroy the Jews, they wanted the Jews to destroy themselves. Optimally, the Germans would have liked to transform the Jews into self-hating cannibals who would devour each other or commit

mass suicide out of disgust or desperation.

Various means were used to achieve this goal, including what has been labelled "excremental assault" and the torture and murder of babies

in the presence of their mothers. This "ideal solution," however, was severely hampered by the well-documented Jewish determination to live as dignified human beings, to fulfil what Rabbi Yitzhak Nissenbaum of the Warsaw Ghetto entitled *kiddush hachaim* — the sanctification of life — no matter what the circumstances.

The determination to remain human in inhuman circumstances defines Jewish resistance. Countless Jews in Auschwitz, Treblinka and Bergen-Belsen, who saved a portion of bread all day for a fellow Jew who was chased out of the barracks before he had time to eat, were valiant resistance fighters.

Binyamin Kleinstein never knew how to handle a gun, yet he fought back and was victorious in spite of

the most overpowering force. Certainly those who redeemed the blood of their murdered brothers and sisters were heroes, and revolts in Warsaw and Bialystok were undeniably glorious chapters in the history of the Jewish people. Yet armed resistance was hopeless: the gas chambers destroyed in the Treblinka uprising were immediately rebuilt. The truly meaningful acts of resistance performed by the millions who did not crumble at the very lip of the mass graves and gas chambers have been banished from our national pride and replaced by a stain of guilt. This cruel irony is not merely a disgrace to the memory of a generation of martyrs but a failure to grasp one of the fundamental lessons of the Holocaust.

The writer is a teacher and author.

# Fuelling inflation

By J. VOET

Buying when shares are offered by the general public and selling when they are in demand. Buying at gradually declining prices and selling at higher quotations. Just to smooth the otherwise too hectic fluctuations that are so disturbing to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

This is quite different from what the banks did until last October. They always bought at higher prices, creating the false impression that bank shares were the best liquid investment available. Until the prices reached dizzy heights and could no longer be pushed up further, when a devaluation scare created a selling wave.

Buying your own debentures or bonds is another matter altogether. This is accepted practice all over the world, including the U.S. and England. It applies to government bonds as well as to those issued by private companies. Very often the conditions under which a company issues debentures require it to set aside each year a certain percentage of the debt it owes to the public to form a "sinking fund" for the regular purchase of its own debentures on the stock exchange. This is regarded as a fully acceptable system for creating a regular market for the security in question.

ALL GOVERNMENTS buy and sell the bonds they issue through their central banks or through the intermediary of official government brokers. This is not only accepted practice; it is generally considered sound financial policy. From the

economic point of view, there is nothing wrong with it. If a government or a company buys its own debt, on the stock exchange, it obviously redeems, on more favourable terms, an obligation that it has in any case to repay at a later date.

It is a matter of price whether or not this is an acceptable transaction. If a debtor, whether the government or a commercial enterprise, can buy now at, say, 75 per cent of the nominal value, a debenture that is part of a loan owed to the general public, to be repaid in five years' time at 100 per cent, it is a matter of calculation whether this is a good deal.

A private company has, of course, to have the ready cash to do this: A government, however, can print its own money. Here is the hitch. Printing money has a decidedly inflationary effect. Remember, it is not only the government that decides if money is to be printed. The bank note is a direct obligation of the Bank of Israel: the signatures of both the governor and the chairman of the board are on the note.

When, a few years ago, the Bank of Israel celebrated the first quarter century of its existence, it invited the governors of many central banks and some leading monetary experts and economists to a most interesting conference. The key address was given by Jelle Zijlstra, then governor of the Central Bank of the Netherlands, earlier a minister of finance in the Dutch government, a first among equals.

Mr. Zijlstra emphasized the ne-

cessity of central bank governors' refusing to print money, even if the government urged them to do so, if in their opinion, this would have an undesirable inflationary effect. Our present Bank of Israel governor may not have been present when this advice was given. In any case, although he himself regularly issues warnings about the effect of the government's present financial policy, he orders money to be printed in huge amounts, without protest, whenever the government asks him to do so.

There is basically nothing wrong in the government, through the services of the Bank of Israel, supporting the index-linked bond market or the "agreement" bank shares, which are no shares at all but dollar-linked government debentures. As long as the price of these securities is low, the government is making a good deal by simply redeeming a future debt now.

This is certainly the case with the bank shares. At present they yield about 15 per cent per annum, tax-free, which is far above other government-guaranteed dollar obligations. Consequently, buying bank shares is a profitable transaction for the Treasury.

For the bank shareholder, who usually sells his investment at a loss, it is obviously a bad deal.

If he needs the money, the poor investor sometimes has no choice. If, however, he uses the proceeds to re-invest elsewhere, one cannot understand why he does so, since bank shares falling under the agreement are, without doubt, the cheapest safe and liquid investment available.

The government's support of its index-linked debentures has another reason. The purchase of these debentures usually serves to prepare the ground for new issues. They are mostly needed to repay loans falling due. This is the time-honoured practice of governments in many countries. There is nothing wrong with it. It is simply another case of repaying

now a debt that will fall due at a later date.

THE ONLY worrying feature of the whole matter is the magnitude of the operation. The amount of money needed to support the agreement bank shares and the bond market is enormous. We have no exact, up-to-date information about the quantities the Bank of Israel has purchased for government account and how much money has been printed to pay the sellers. But these amounts are undoubtedly substantial, adding fuel to the inflationary fire that is damaging the country's economy. The choice here is between additional inflation now or even higher inflation in four-and-a-half years' time.

Some commentators have questioned the ability of the government to repay the enormous debt and have thereby undermined Israel's credit standing. It is highly unlikely that any government, whether led by Labour or by Likud, will not honour its obligations. No government has dishonoured its internal obligations since 1810, when Napoleon decreed that two-thirds of the state loans were simply cancelled.

Governments can print money. They may default on foreign obligations, as these have to be repaid in foreign currency; but they repay local debts. By printing money, they obviously create more inflation; but that is preferable to defaulting, which would create enormous chaos. There is only a possibility of defaulting on local bonds held by private individuals when a communist-led government introduces a Soviet-type economy. But nobody in Israel believes that there is a serious chance of this happening here.

There is consequently no reason to question the present Bank of Israel operations of buying agreement bank shares or supporting the bond market; or the ability of the government to repay its local debts when they fall due. The price we will have to pay for this is more inflation in the future.

The writer is a commentator on economic affairs.

## READERS' LETTERS

### CALL FOR UNITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — There is an old Jewish saying "Trees are cut down by their own kind" (axe handles are made of wood). If Israel is to avoid the dire Kabbalist notion of *tashmad* (destruction) in 1984, she must take heed of this maxim. For Israel, the challenge of survival not only stems from the evil hordes that surround her, but also from the Jews themselves. The choice beckons before us: either unity or self-destruction.

The state of Israel was miraculously reconceived against ineffable odds. Her pioneers performed heroic deeds unsurpassed in the course of human history. Spirit, ideology and a sense of destiny forged a nation. The exile ended.

Israel turned into a refuge for the thousands who escaped the Holocaust and for the almost million Jews from Arab countries who lived under Islamic persecution and brutality. Even with makeshift and primitive weapons, the power of the unified and determined Jewish people was too much for its enemies.

Unfortunately, it took calamity and turmoil to bring Jews together as one. This has been rule rather than exception throughout the ages. In his work, *The Jewish War*, Josephus remarked that while the Romans were breaching the walls of Jerusalem, Jewish factions were fighting each other. Centuries later, this attitude still prevails. Opposition politicians seem willing to risk survival for the sake of ruling. Have we not learned anything from the lessons of history?

Israel is now on the verge of economic collapse. Severe measures of economic austerity will be necessary. Instead of wishing for the fall of the Shamir government, Labour and the smaller parties should revive the spirit of Jewish unity and revitalize Israel. Otherwise, what the Arabs have attempted to do in five wars will be done by the Jews themselves.

If we do not stop swinging the axe at each other, then perhaps we do not deserve our state. Once again, as in Josephus' time, we are clearly demonstrating that our aversion to each other surpasses our ability to conduct our government. This may be our last chance. If we do not change our self-destructive ways, we may be about to embark upon another long journey.

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### ZIONIST VALUES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Dr. Zeev Rosenblum's concept of "Zionist values" is very limited if he thinks Aguda schools teach them. His examples are "tradition, pride of being Jews and love for Eretz Yisrael," but he excludes the rebuilding of it in modern times, which is an essential Zionist value.

If Aguda children receive positive education about pioneering, serving in the IDF, Herzl, Independence Day, and the consideration of their fellow Jew as their brother even when he has not their viewpoint on religion, then they are being taught Zionist values.

### DEPARTMENT OF COMPLAINTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I do not understand why you saw fit to print that a prostitute recently slain in Jerusalem was "overweight and unattractive" (April 13). What bearing does this observation have on the case? Would you have included such judgements if the victim were a man, "short, ugly guy found dead"? I doubt it.

Also, if your reporter defined his terms (what weight is "overweight" — what constitutes "attractive") and if he told us to whom the victim appeared this way (to her customers, the detectives or

Otherwise, even love for Eretz Yisrael will not be Zionist enough. Neturei Karta are a good example of it. They love Eretz Yisrael, but in such a rare way that it allows them to be anti-Zionists and even PLO-supporters.

Israeli schools should try to educate complete Jews, both respectful of their tradition and identified with their history, which in modern times means mainly the Zionist movement and the State of Israel, not only our beloved land.

GUSTAVO D. PEREDNIK  
Jerusalem.

the reporter, after she was dead), the article would at least have been more accurate.

LENORE SKENAZY  
Jerusalem.

Sir, — As former journalists, we are intrigued by your story of April 13, reporting that Orthodox Jews were among a deceased prostitute's clients. Was the basis of your information the fact that those clients appeared in full regalia, kippot, ritual fringes and/or black coats? Hardly likely.

This example of "yellow journalism" is an affront to us and to all "Orthodox" Jews.

STANLEY and JANET LEVIN  
Petah Tikva.

Robert Rosenberg comments: The murdered prostitute was known to the police who, together with others, reported that her clientele were mainly Arabs and ultra-Orthodox Jews.

### CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL FUND

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — As a volunteer worker for The Children's Memorial Fund established by Aliza Shimoni, to provide poor families with financial aid for the education of their children, I wish to thank you for attracting the attention of your readers to the fine work of the fund.

As a result of your article, we have gained new friends both here and abroad.

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